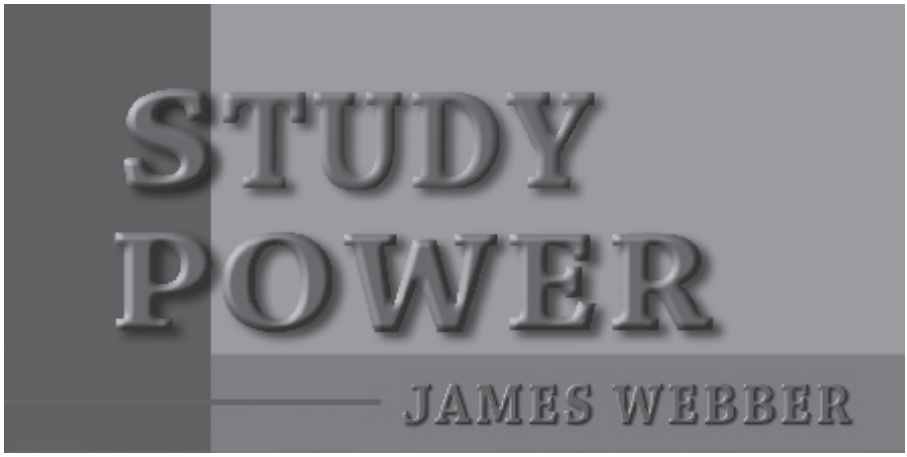

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To my wife Toni who makes music to the Lord for the Saints. To my son Greg that is a gift from God. To my son Bart who is an upright man and who has been on the front lines for Jesus. To my daughter Joy and her husband Demarcus who are wonderful testimonies for Jesus. To my daughter Kimberly that God has used to teach me many lessons.

To Andre and Deon Best my grandchildren whose young lives have motivated me to write this book so one day they can read about the value of Home Bible Studies. Hoping they will be encouraged in their own personal Bible Studies, as well as all others who may read this book.

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Preface

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Some years ago I put together a book that became the tool that guided people into truth and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I desired to make something to be used in follow-up that could be as effective as the Four Spiritual Laws booklet was in conversions. All anyone would have to do would be to read the booklet and look up the verses and all would benefit. I wanted to make it easy to follow and interesting enough to hold interest yet comprehensive in content, therefore, moving a person from the milk of the Word to the meat of the Word. I have used this method of the follow-up booklet for many years with Christians and non-Christians, and witnessed many lives changed.

The book was named "How Shall I Know Unless Someone Guides Me?" This present book attempts to improve upon the older book. Bible studies can be a fun, enjoyable and effective opportunities for Christians to do something pleasing to God and to get to know God at the same time. Watching and helping someone start a new life is a blessing. Watching and helping Christians grow in their understanding and knowledge of the Scriptures and God is also a blessing. The following is a method for developing home Bible studies. If you would like to create a home Bible study group, you might try the following:

1. Ask a neighbor, friend, fellow student, coworker or a member of your family if they can spare an hour a week for the next six to eight weeks.
2. Tell them something like, "I would like to share with you what Christians believe and why they believe it."
3. Set the time. Once you get to the meeting place, sit at a table and open your Bible to the Table of Contents. Explain how the Table of Contents will be helpful in looking up verses during the study time.
4. Simply read each pre-planned study in this book and comment as you continue to look up verses in the Bible.
5. Remember to review the last study from the week before.
6. Ask questions like, "What does this verse say?" and "What do you think it meant to those to whom it was written?" Speak slowly and clearly. Do not read too fast.
7. Try to have them look up most of the Scriptures so they will spend more time in the Bible.
8. Following my outline is not essential. Make your own, start where you want and end where you want.

Furthermore, consider the following tips because conducting a home Bible study takes perseverance, time and personal commitment:

1. Be enthusiastic, honest, open to their opinions and listen to what they are discovering (even if you already know it).
2. When asked a question to which you do not know the answer, do not panic. Take a deep breath, smile and say, "That is a good question, but I don't know the answer." Do not give an answer just to give an answer. Tell them you will try to find the answer for them and then do it.
3. Don't tell them all you know. Let them discover truth for themselves.
You provide the tools but let them find the jewels!
4. Don't get discouraged over no-shows.
5. Give of yourself, enjoy yourself and be yourself.

Home Bible Studies have a two fold purpose:
1.) Building of disciples (follow-up), helping others to learn God's word and live victorious productive Christian lives.
2.) Continually strengthening your understanding of God's Word, as the Holy Spirit continues to reveal deeper truths to you.

Introduction:

As you show them your watch say:

No one seriously would claim that a watch came together of itself without a human builder. Yet many illogically claim that the universe, infinitely more complex, came into being without a Creator.

It makes good sense to believe in God.
You may want to point out some examples:

1) The earth is just the right distance from the sun, any closer we would burn up, any farther away we would freeze.

2) The earth is kept in orbit by the sun.
Both are just the right size and both are in just the right place.

3) The earth is just the right size to hold the right atmosphere.

4) What is unique about the surface area of the earth is that over 70 percent of it is covered with water. They say the earth started out with a surface that was a hot mass of molten fire and flames, just like the sun and the moon. Where did all the water come from?

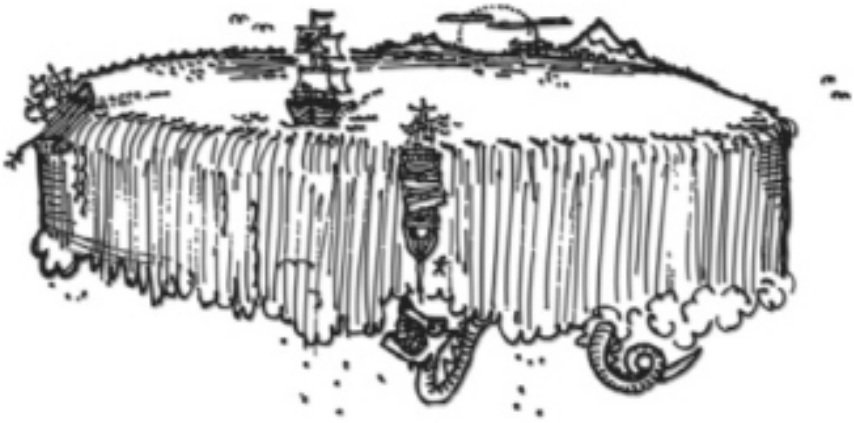
5) The earth must have just the right rotations.

6) The tilt has to be just right to cause the seasons.

7) On and on it goes.

If the arrow hits the bull's eye ten times there must be an Expert Archer.

Man thought the world was flat up until about 400 years ago!



Roughly 2200 years before man
proved the world was round,
Isaiah, the prophet, had this to say:

Isaiah 40:22
"It is he that ***sitteth upon the circle of the earth,*** *and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"* KJV

What's the mathematical probability of Isaiah being right about the earth being a circle 2200 years before it was proven?

The mathematical odds multiply with each additional case. This continues to amaze all minds that seriously consider the implications of this.

Another Example:

Isaiah 59:21
"And as for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, ***shall not depart from your mouth,*** *nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD,* ***"from now and forever."***

I point out that the book of Isaiah was written about seven hundred years before Jesus and we have today an actual copy of the complete book of Isaiah that was found in the Dead Sea scrolls that is dated within a few hundred years from the time of the original.

That is about two thousand seven hundred years ago. Then I asked if they know of an author in our day that has written a book that will be massively studied twenty seven hundred years into our future.

Usually the answer is no. I then say, but it is possible, isn't it? They agree, possible but not probable. I then ask what they think the probability would be of some author in our day writing a book that would be read by many people twenty seven hundred years into the future. They say, "Off the charts."

Then I ask what they think the probability would be if the author within the text of his book were to claim, as Isaiah recorded, that his book would be read and massively studied by people twenty seven hundred years into the future and then it actually happened? They say, "Next to impossible"

That question has a profound effect. It is one thing for something like that to happen but its an altogether different thing when told in advance it will happen and it actually happens, just as we have observed in the book of Isaiah.

The point is well made by Isaiah 59:21 and Isaiah 40:22 and many more prophecies, which makes the Bible the most unique and incredible book of all times.

Truth is more powerful than error. For most people that are in opposition to Christianity, they are ignorant of the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ, **willingly** ignorant.

Truth will always surface to the top if one is honest, humble and submissive. Arrogance, pride and a desire to keep sinning makes it impossible to ever know God's truth.

Study #1

THE BIBLE
Old Testament has 39 books
New Testament has 27 books

The Bible asserts Itself. It says that it is the true Word of God. A person can say he does not believe the Bible is the Word of God. *Yes. But no one has the right to say:*

"This part is God's Word and this other part is not."
You either accept it in its entirety or you reject it in its entirety. The Bible is the most unique of all books, there is none like it!

1. Written over a 1500 year period.
2. Written over 40 generations.
3. Written by well over 40 different authors from all walks of life:

4. Written on three continents
a. Asia b. Africa c. Europe

5. Written in three languages:
a. Hebrew b. Aramaic c. Greek

The writers of the Bible were directed by God so that what they said, to the very word, was exactly what God wanted them to say.

Moses, a political leader - Daniel, a prime minister - Peter, a fisherman - Luke, a doctor and historian - Amos, a herdsman - Paul, a converted Jewish Rabbi - Joshua, a military general - Matthew, a Roman tax collector - Solomon, a king - Ezra, a scribe.

God used the mind, personality, experience and feelings of these men as they wrote their message down.

God is no respecter of persons.
Get your heart right and God will use you.

Contrary to the writers of today, who take credit for their own writings, the writers of the Bible gave all the credit to God!

Can you help me out by looking up these verses in your Bible?

(1) 2 Samuel 23:2 (2) Jeremiah 1:9
(3) Isaiah 59:21 (4) 2 Timothy 3:16
(5) 2 Peter 1:21

God gave us the Bible in 66 different books.
He gave them literally and we are to accept them literally unless it is figurative or symbolic language. In that case word pictures are being used to express true concepts.

AUTOGRAPHS
(original manuscripts) The Bible is God's message to mankind, as important and as truthful as its author.
God's guide book for all to follow.

TRANSMISSION
Reconstructing the very wording of the autographs.
Carefully copying by comparing manuscripts.

TRANSLATION
Giving the present readers an accurate translation,
so all can read the Bible in their own language.

INTERPRETATION
Meticulously adhere to the original intent of the Scripture.
Follow sound rules of interpretation.

APPLICATION
Makes the message of the Scripture real.
How do these truths apply to me?

The number one topic in the Bible is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ and His redemption of mankind.

The Old Testament tells of the history of God relating to mankind.
The Gospels tell of God becoming a man and relating to mankind.
The book of Acts tells of the starting of churches, as God lives in humans.
The Epistles explain His relationship to the people He lives within.
Revelation tells us of His return to the earth and future events.

Genesis 1:1 is either a true statement or it's a boldfaced lie.
Genesis 1:2 is either a true statement or it's a boldfaced lie.

The Bible is either a book of truth...one truth piled on top of another truth or the Bible is a book of lies...one lie piled on top of another lie. If it's a book of lies it's hard to understand how it's helped so many with the main theme being love.

I WON'T BELIEVE THE BIBLE TILL IT'S PROVEN!
I WILL BELIEVE THE BIBLE UNTIL IT'S DIS-PROVEN!
WELL, IF I WAIT TILL IT'S PROVEN, THEN WHERE WILL I BE?
WELL, IF I DO BELIEVE, WHAT WILL IT HURT?

Study #2

Many are befuddled claiming "There can't be a God, or can there?" If a person is unwilling to take the time to seek God and truth, he will remain in confusion. **Matthew 6:33**

GOD…

The Father… The Son… The Holy Spirit

All are separate, yet one and the same.

The Bible does not explain the Godhead. It simply gives us the facts. We accept in faith what God reveals concerning Himself. We are limited and do not have the capacity to understand an infinite God. The Godhead cannot be scientifically analyzed by the human mind. We can only know as much about God as He chooses to reveal to us.

A biographer of John Wesley (1703-1791) said this about the Godhead; In preaching on the Trinity, he observed, it was our duty to believe according to the Word of God: but we are not called to comprehend; that is impossible. **Bring me, he said, a worm that can comprehend man; and I will show you a man that can comprehend God.**

Here Are The Bible Facts About God

1. The Father is called God **2 Peter 1:17**

2. Jesus Christ is called God **John 20:28**

3. The Holy Spirit is called God **Acts 5:1-4**

All three are called God, and yet the Bible
is dogmatic as to there being only **one** God!
(1) **Isaiah 43:10** **(2)** **Deuteronomy 6:4** **(3)** **Isaiah 44:6**

We need to understand the "Incarnation."
That is, God came down as a man to be our Savior.
(1) Philippians 2:6-8 **(2)** John 1:1 with 1:14 **(3)** Colossians 2:9

God, who is One, functions within His creation as a Trinity.
The Godhead is taught throughout Scriptures.
Here are two interesting illustrations from Scripture:

All three are spoken of as the Creator.
The Father **1 Corinthians 8:6**
The Son, Jesus Christ **John 1:3**
The Holy Spirit **Psalms 104:30**

Malachi 2:10
"Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us?

All three claimed to raise Jesus from the dead.

The Father	**Acts 3:15**
The Son, Jesus Christ	**John 2:19-21**
The Holy Spirit	**Romans 8:11**

The Godhead, though incomprehensible to the mortal mind, has been clearly revealed in the Scriptures.

Look at your hand there are three things between your eyes and your hand: light, heat and energy. All three are different but are one and the same.

How many stars do you see? (Three.)
Now in your mind take one away.
Now how many stars do you see? The answer is none.

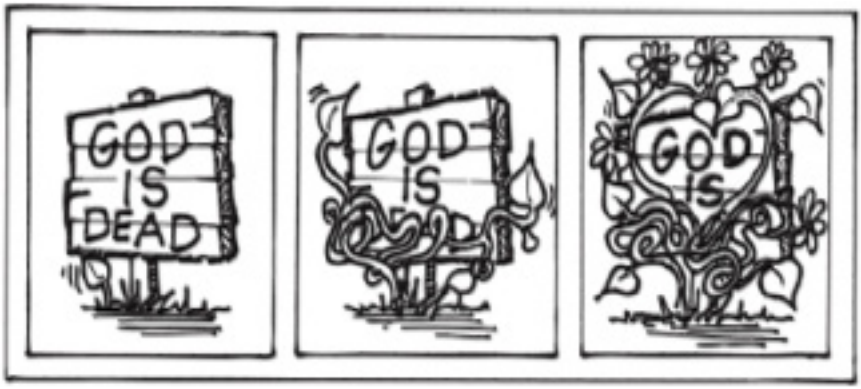
So it is with nature of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Where one goes, they all go.

BEFORE
YOU
HEAD
OFF
IN
THE
WRONG
DIRECTION
INVESTIGATE

Study #3

A unknown God can neither be trusted, served, nor worshiped. Therefore, it is important to realize who God is.

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD IS:
All knowing in His wisdom Psalms 147:5
*Past Isaiah 46: 9-10
*Present Psalms 39: 2-4
*Future Isaiah 65: 24



God is:

All powerful. 1 Chronicles 29:11; Matthew 19:26

All present. Jeremiah 23 :23-24; Psalms 139:7-8

Unchangeable. Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8

Light: that is, Truth and Reality. 1 John 1:5

Love. 1 John 4: 16

Righteous. Job 8:3

A Consuming Fire. Deuteronomy 4:24

Just, always right. Romans 3:25-26

A Warrior. Exodus 15:3

Eternal. Psalms 90:2; Isaiah 40:28

Infinite. 1 Kings 8 :27

The Creator. Genesis 1:1

Jealous. Exodus 34:14

The Lord. Deuteronomy 6 :4

Matthew 5:45

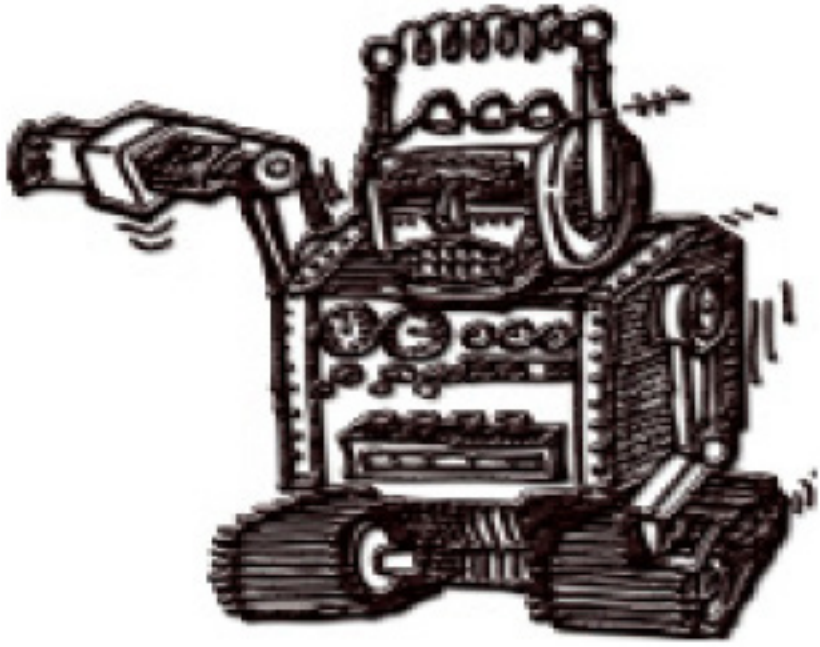
"...in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Acts 10:34-35

"Opening his mouth, Peter said:
"I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35) but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him."

Study #4

God did not create man to be a robot, but did create man for a loving relationship. The value of that relationship from God's point of view is extremely important. Man chose to turn his back on God and go his own way breaking the loving relationship. So man became separated from God. Sin and holiness do not mix any more than oil and water mix.



The Lord Jesus Christ became the living sacrifice for man's sin of rebelling against God's love. Now, through simple child like faith in what Jesus has done through His death, burial and resurrection, man once again can experience a loving relationship with God.

You can have a personal relationship with God because God is a person!

God can be your friend. Isaiah 41:8; John 15:14

God is merciful. Exodus 34:6

God can be served. Exodus 23:25

God has a memory. Jeremiah 31:20; Isaiah 43:25

God hears. Numbers 11:1, Exodus 2:24

God loves. 1 John 4:8-16

God has a will. Ephesians 1:11

God has patience. Romans 2:4

God can be grieved. Ephesians 4:30

God can be angry. Psalms 7:11; John 3:36

God forgives. 1 John 1:9

God is faithful. 1 Thessalonians 5:24

God can be pleased. Ephesians 5:10

God can be prayed to. Philippians 4:6

God will guide you. Psalms 25:9

God will teach you. 1 Thessalonians 4:9

God will sanctify you. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

You can sing to God. Psalms 27:6

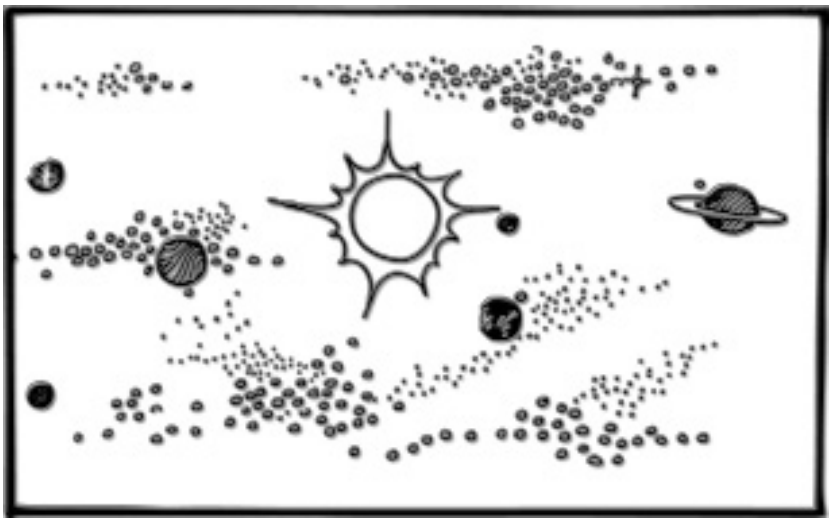
You can thank God. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

God came down as a man to be our Savior.
Philippians 2:6-8; John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:9

Seek first the kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33

All I'm saying Harry is that we've tried just about everything else and it's all proven to be bum trips, so why not try Jesus?

Study #5



The size of universe is measured in gigaparsecs,
the distance light travels in 3.262 billion light years.
The universe is a mere reflection in comparison to
God's great concern and care for you.

What Did God Do?

God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**
All the land and sea and plant life. **Genesis 1:9-13**
Animal life (sea): **Genesis 1:20-23**
Animal life (land): **Genesis 1:24-25**
Man: Of the dust: **Genesis 1:26-2:7**

God put man in the garden of Eden. **Genesis 2:15-17**
God created woman, Adam's wife, out of Adam's rib.
Genesis 2:21, 22

God and man enjoyed perfect fellowship.

WHAT HAPPENED?

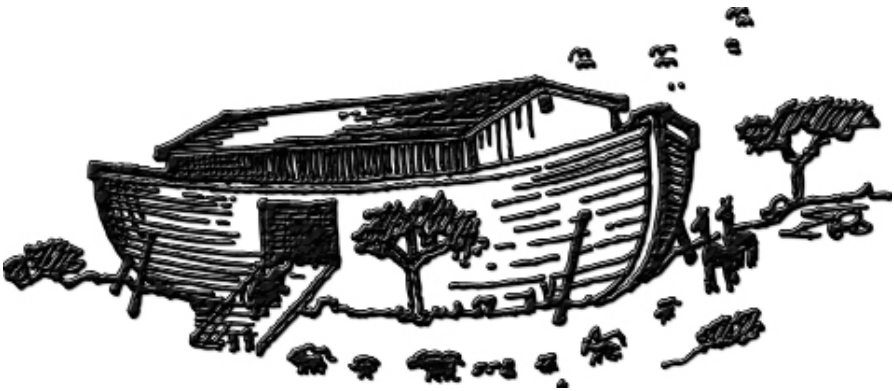
1. God gave man only one rule. He was not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil **Genesis 2:16-17.**

2. Man disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit.
As a result, man knows good from evil and perfect fellowship with God is broken.
Genesis 3:17. Man became a sinner. **Romans 5:12.**

3. Man kept sinning, sinning, sinning. **Genesis 4:6-8.**

4. God was grieved, so He destroyed man whom He had created.
Judgment is seen in **Genesis 6:5-7.**

5. But He did save one man and his family.
His name was Noah.
He also saved at least two of every animal.
Genesis 6:8, **Genesis 7:16.**



6. God flooded the earth He made, but Noah and his family were saved by a ship, which God instructed Noah to build. **Genesis 7:16-24.**

7. When the waters subsided so that land appeared, Noah and his family got off the ship. **Genesis 8:1-19.**

8. Noah's family had children and their children had children... **Genesis 9:1, 18-19**.

9. BUT...unfortunately, sin continued. They kept sinning and sinning. **Genesis 9:20-21, 11:4.**

10. Then God scattered them over the face of the earth. **Genesis 11:8.**

Note:

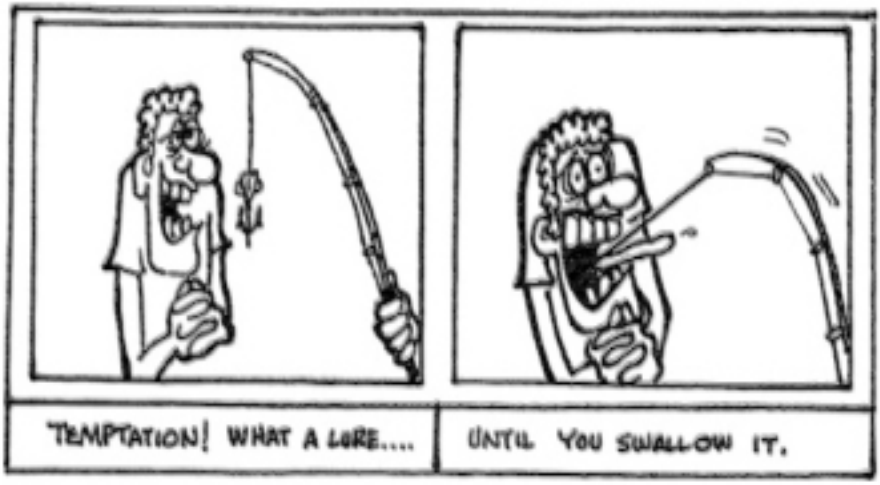
When we calculate the volume of Noah's Ark, we find that it has the carrying capacity that is equivalent to 522 stock cars. This leaves ample room for food storage and space requirements that life for a year on the Ark would have demanded.

A two-decked railroad stock car carries 240 sheep.
Two trains hauling 73 cars each would easily carry 35,000 animals.

Do you think Noah would have loaded the biggest animals on the ark or the smallest?

(For documentation see Henry Morris in The Genesis Flood, pp 66-69)

Study #6



What Does The Bible Say About Sin?
Sin Is Like:

1. Death. Romans 7:24.

2. An open grave. Romans 3:13.

3. Sores. Isaiah 1:5-6.

4. Gangrene. 2 Timothy 2:16-17.

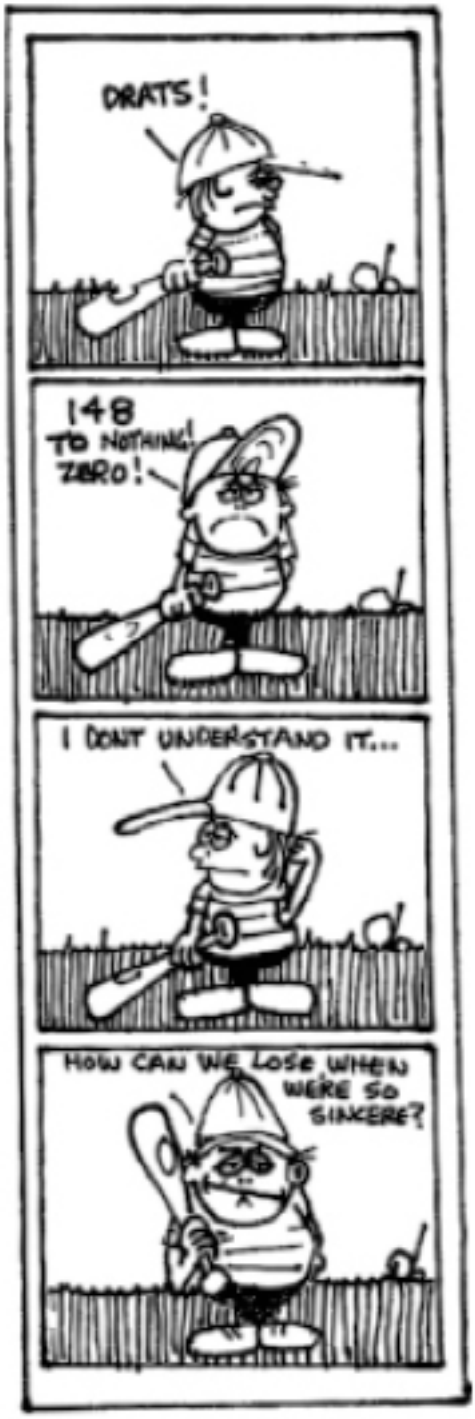
5. Rubbish. Philippians 3:8.

6. Vomit. 2 Peter 2:22.

7. The Devil. John 8:44.

Sin is: James 14:17 Romans 14:23

Who has sinned?: Romans 3:23 1 John 1:8-10


DRATS!
148 TO NOTHING! ZERO!
I DONT UNDERSTAND IT...
HOW CAN WE LOSE WHEN WERE SO SINCERE?

God Then Chose A Man

God chose Abram, through whom He promised to bring salvation and blessing to men.
Genesis 12:1-9 Genesis 22:17.

God gave Abraham a land that would be his and his descendants forever.
Genesis 13:14-18 Genesis 17:6-8.

Abraham's son, Isaac, became the first descendant of Hebrew people.
Genesis 21:1-8.

After four hundred years, God chose Moses, a Hebrew.
Exodus 2:1-10.

God gave Moses the Law for the Hebrew people.
Exodus 20:1-17.

The purpose of the Law was:

To show man's sinfulness. To show God's righteousness.
Romans 7:7.

Man kept breaking the Law.
Romans 3:19-26 Galatians 3:6-26

Then there were prophets, which were sent by God to turn the people back to Himself... **BUT**

Study #7

The people stoned and killed the prophets.
2 Chronicles 36:15-16.

Today we think of a prophet as a man who foresees the future. But the Biblical prophets had a greater mission. They wanted to make God's will clear to men. They did sometimes speak of future punishment and reward, but their main interest was in guiding their fellow men at that time. They endured sharp criticism from the religious leaders and unbelievers of their day. They stood up for God's righteousness against all degrees of persecution. **Hebrews 11:36-38**

This continued for centuries....

Prophecy is amazing, here are some examples:

PROPHECY (8th century B.C.)
Birth
Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son."

FULFILLMENT (4-2 B.C.)
Matthew 1:18-23 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit."

PROPHECY (6th century B.C.)
Betrayal
Zechariah 11:13 "So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord."

FULFILLED (29-33 A.D)
Matthew 26:15, 27:7 "And the chief priests weighed out to Judas thirty pieces of silver... and with the money bought the Potter's Field."

PROPHECY (10th century B.C.)
Trial
Psalms 27:12 "False witnesses have risen against Me."

FULFILLED (29-33 A.D.)
Matthew 26:59-60 "Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order to put Him to death; and they did not find it, even though many false witnesses came forward."

PROPHECY (10th century B.C.)
Crucifixion
Psalms 22:6-8 "But I am a worm, and not a man... all who see Me sneer at Me... they wag their head, saying, Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him deliver him."

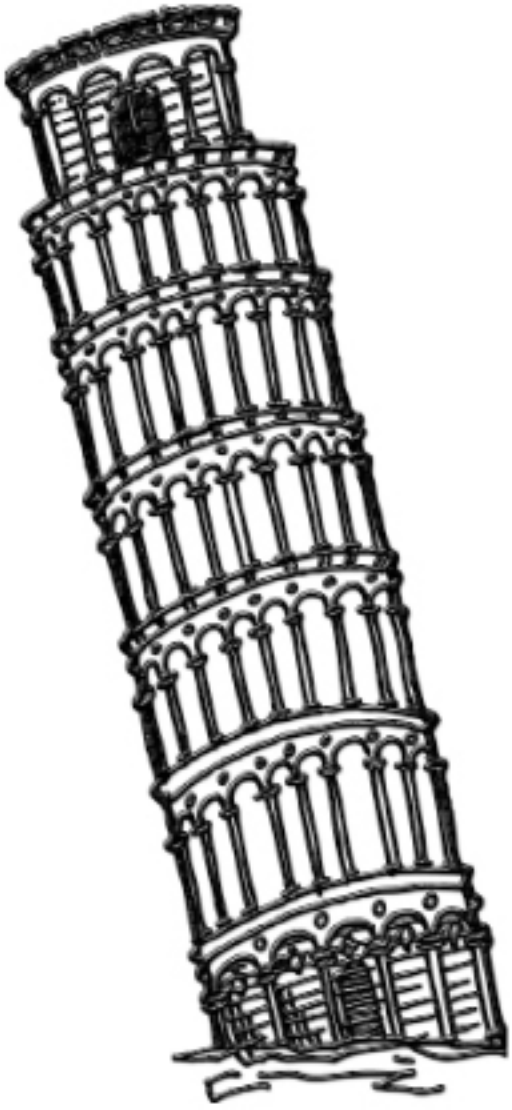
FULFILLED (29-33 A.D.)
Matthew 27:39-40 "And those who were passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying... 'Save Yourself ! If You are the Son of God come down from the cross"

PROPHECY (10th century B.C.)
Psalms 69:21 "They also gave Me gall for My food, and for My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink."

FULFILLED (29-33 A.D.) John 19:29 "A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of sour wine upon a branch of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth."

PROPHECY (10th century B.C.)
Psalms 22:18 "They divide My garments among them and for My clothing they cast lots."

FULFILLED (29-33 A.D.) Mark 15:24 "And (the soldiers) divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them."



In 1174 the Italians meant well and spent well when they were building their tower. Something went wrong... maybe it was their foundation!

I Corinthians 3:11

Study #8

Then God came to be his own representative.
Philippians 2:6-8

God placed Himself in the position of man by taking the form of a man, and that flesh and blood was Jesus Christ.
John 1:1, 14.

JESUS CHRIST:

Was born……...…. **Matthew 1:18-25**

Was baptized…….. **Luke 3:21-22**

Was tempted……..... **Matthew 4:1-11**

Began His public ministry…….. **Mark 1:14**

Chose His first disciples…….. **Luke 5:1-11**

Taught…….. **Matthew 5:2**

Preached His Sermon on the Mount…..... **Matthew 5:3-12**

Healed…….. **Luke 7:1-10**

Demonstrated compassion ……..... **Matthew 15:32**

Spoke in parables…….. **Matthew 13:1-23**

Fed the 5,000…….....….. **John 6:1-14**

Foretold His death……...…. **Luke 9:22**

Drove traders from the Temple…….... **John 2:13-16**

Rebuked the religious leaders……...…... **Matthew 23**

Was betrayed ……... **Luke 22:3-6**

Was crowned with thorns……..... **Matthew 27:29**

Was crucified ……...… **Luke 23:33-43**

Was resurrected ……..….. **John 20:1-23**

Gave the Great Commission…… **Matthew 28:16-20**

He ascended into heaven…….. **Acts 1:9**

Study #9

Then what followed?

The Apostles were told that Jesus would return.
Acts 1:10-11

The Spirit of God was sent from heaven. **Acts 2:1-13, 33**

Then the church came into being and bridged the gap between the Jew and the Gentile. **Galatians 3:28**

Man's right standing with God, which was broken..... was regained. **Romans 5:17-19**

Then the Apostles began to fulfill the Great Commission. **Matthew 28:16-20**

And the other followers of Jesus also preached wherever they went. **Acts 8:1-4**

Then God appointed the Apostle Paul. **Acts 9:1-16.**

The church started to grow.

Several Apostles, including Paul wrote letters to the churches. They were written to build the believers in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote about the earthly life of Jesus Christ.

Acts, written by Luke, was to explain the founding of the church.

However, not all that is recorded in the Bible is history. Much concerns itself with this present day and those days which are yet future.

Study #10

Events To Come of the latter days were foretold thousands of years ago.

Jesus Himself described things that were yet to come by **Warnings.**
Matthew 24:4-8 Matthew 24:11 Matthew 24:23-26 Matthew 24:36-39 Matthew 24:44

Paul wrote Timothy of the condition in which the world would find itself in: **1 Timothy 4:1-5 2 Timothy 3:1-7 and 2 Timothy 4:1-4.**

Very much like our own day, isn't it?

Paul describes what will happen to the church in **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**, **1 Corinthians 15:42-44**, **and 1 Corinthians 15: 50-54.**

The Great Tribulation is described in the book of **Revelation** and is mentioned in **Matthew 24:21-22.**

Christ's return is described in **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 and Revelation 19:11-21.**

The Millennium (thousand year reign of Christ) is described in **Revelation 20:1-10.**

The eternal state of all believers is seen in **Revelation 21 and 22.**

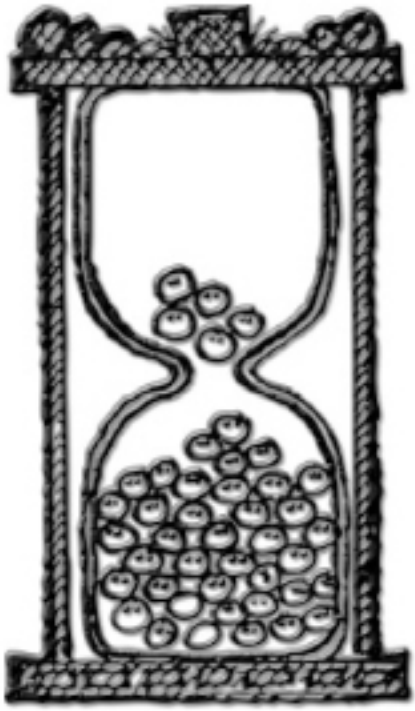
Contrast this with...

The Great White Throne Judgment, which is for the unbelievers, **Revelation 20:11-15.**

The final eternal state of all unbelievers as seen in **Revelation 21:8.**

What a position in which to find oneself!

There must be a solution since the Bible says that man is responsible for his decision regarding his eternal destiny. **John 5:24**



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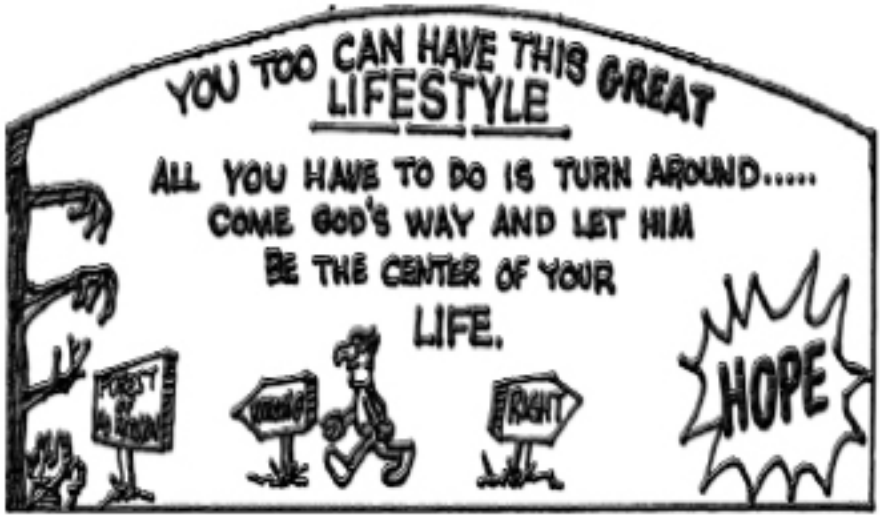
Study #11


YOU TOO CAN HAVE THIS GREAT LIFESTYLE
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TURN AROUND..... COME GOD'S WAY AND LET HIM BE THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE.
HOPE

Whether you think yourself "religious" or not, vast changes are going to take place in your life. These will be either for good or for eternal DEATH.

If You Accept Jesus Christ...

1.) You become a member of a Chosen Race, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation **1 Peter 2:9.**

2.) You are considered by God to be one of his own people **1 Peter 2:10.**

3.) You have all your sins forgiven **Colossians 2:13.**

4.) You become a son/daughter of God **John1:12.**

5.) You begin the great adventure for which God created you. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

6.) Your body is now a temple of the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:19**

7.) You now have peace between you and God. **Romans 5:1**

8.) You have been washed clean by Jesus Christ, sanctified (set apart), justified (declared righteous). **1 Corinthians 6:11**

9.) You became a saint (a holy one). **1 Corinthians 1:2**

10.) You have been glorified. **Romans 8:30**

11.) You were predestined (planned in advance) to become conformed to the image of Christ. **Romans 8:29**

12.) You have assurance nothing can separate you from the love of God. **Romans 8:35–39**

13.) You become God's very own possession. **Ephesians 1:14**

14.) You are seated with and in Christ in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 2:6**

15.) You have become a joint heir with Christ. **Romans 8:16–17**

16.) You will be revealed with Christ. **Colossians 3:4**

17.) Your citizenship is transferred to Heaven. **Philippians 3:20**

18.) You have been delivered from the domain (authority) of darkness (Satan's power) and transferred to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. **Colossians 1:13**

19.) Your body will come back from the dead and be renewed. **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, 1 Corinthians 15:42–58**

20.) You have eternal life. **John 3:36, 5:24, 1 John 5:13**

21.) You now have Angels rendering service to you. **Hebrews 1:14**

22.) You are now a personal ambassador for Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

23.) You have been reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:18**

24.) You are now a different creation than you were before salvation. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

25.) You have become a partaker of his divine nature. **2 Peter 1:4**

Study #12

I'm happy to inform you that at this point in our study you have all the information you need to make an intelligent decision whether you want to accept God or reject God.

<u>What is your choice?</u>

Yes to God *or No to God?*

Since you said "Yes" :

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." **Romans 10:9**

Are you willing to turn to God, away from sin?

That's what repentance means-changing your mind about life, God and your only eternal hope, The Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you agree that you have been living on your own power and for yourself?

Are you willing to turn from that and rely on Jesus Christ, and to ask God to make you the type of person He wants you to be, not the type of person you want to be?

Are you sure you understand what it means for Jesus to be "Lord": It means that I am no longer the boss of my own life.

I cannot, without being indifferent to God, determine where I'm going to go, who I am to be or whom I will marry.
Galatians 2:20 **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Are you willing right now, to confess to me that Jesus Christ is Lord? …Then please do!

Do you believe Jesus arose from the dead after paying the price for your sins?

Congratulations!

Romans 8:1

John 5:24

John 3:18

John 10:27-30

Romans 8:38-39

Romans 6:1-2

1 John 5:13

Being a Christian involves choices.
Our choices have ramifications
on earth, as well as in Heaven.

The bad choice of "sin" breaks fellowship with God, but, even then, we have a means of Forgiveness:

Characteristics of a Christian

Galatians 5:22-23

Peacefulness

JOY

Has Fellowship with Believers

Not boastful

Humility

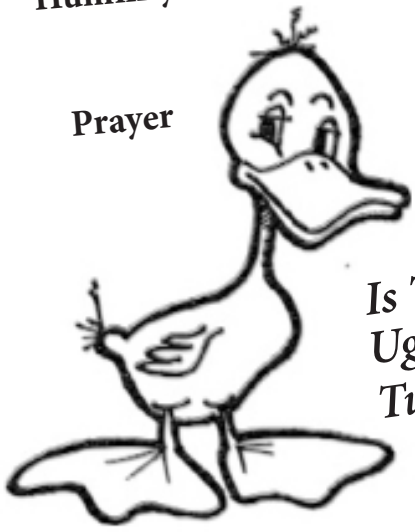
Fairness

Obedient

Prayer

Sacrificial

Self cont



Is The Ugly Duckling Turning Into A Swan?

Patience

Full of mercy

Does not get even

Love

Faithfulness

Serving one another

Tenderhearted

Kindness

Goodness

Is not argumentative

Talks to people about Jesus

Bible Study

Does not return insult with insult

Deeds of the flesh

Galatians 5:19-21

Fornication

Desire for wealth

Laziness

Pew warming

Gluttony

Immoral

Back Biter

Drunkeness

Dissension

Hatefulness

Unloving

Desire for Fame

Apathetic

Boredom

Ear Ticklers

Silly talk

Prideful

Hypocrisy

Church Gossips

Cheating

Homosexuality

Outbursts of anger

Untrustworthy

Worldliness

Lieing

Abortion

Talkers not walkers

Ephesians 5:18

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Hebrews 4:12

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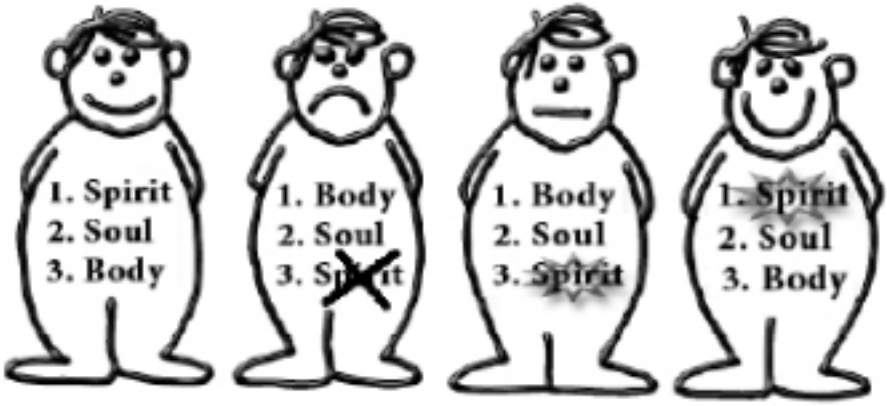
			
GOD AND MAN IN FELLOWSHIP.	MAN CUT OFF FROM GOD... **SPIRITUAL DEATH.** *Like having a engine with no gasoline to make it run.*	MAN INDWELT **BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** ENERGIZED.	**FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN CONTROL.

Study #13

The Spirit filled Christian life ...

1. God dwells in our Spirit and is able to communicate with us through our conscience and intuition. He does this in perfect harmony with the Bible.

2. The "self" is the soul and is made up of our mind, emotions and will.

3. The Body is where the senses dwell and is our shell. The Bible calls it the flesh.

When the Christian, by an act of his will, brings his soul and body into subjection to the Holy Spirit, he is then Filled with the Spirit.

This can only be possible by comparing your life with the righteous standard set forth in the Bible and correcting yourself when found wrong and applying 1 John 1:9.

We rejoice with you in your choice to follow Christ!

Soon you will learn that this opens a **new kind** of living, which fills life with all God has for those who daily yield to Him! It does not mean you are now perfect in actions, but that you have "changed directions."

The men and women of the Bible that God used as examples for our benefit **are not exceptions,** but should be looked at as the norm. We should want to be like them. We should never think that because the culture has changed, that we must change with it!

The examples of godly men and women in the Bible are not relative to cultural change. They are constant and unchanging for all those who desire to serve God. Also, it is possible to experience the same wonderful blessings in our day as they did in their day, regardless of the situation.

Without question the Bible stands in and of itself. It is all any of us need to come to spiritual maturity. In light of this wonderful truth, God has given us additional blessings by providing Biblical tools so we can better understand what the Bible is saying.

For example:

BIBLE COMMENTARIES: A Bible Commentary is a verse- by- verse, or passage-by-passage explanation of the Bible. If you find a verse hard to understand, you can look up that passage in a Commentary in much the same way as you would look up a verse in the Bible and see what it has to say concerning that verse. Bible Commentaries are not the final answer for all questions, but only opinions that can be considered.

LANGUAGE HELPS: The Bible was not written in English. The original languages are Hebrew and Greek primarily. Therefore language helps have been produced to help us better understand original meanings of words. For example: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance and Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, etc.

BIBLE DICTIONARIES: These function in the same way as normal dictionaries, except they only deal with biblical words.

TOPICAL STUDIES: These are works dealing with specific topics in depth. Again they are not the final word, but only an opinion to be considered.

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY
GOOD WORKS
SACRIFICES
LOVE
PRAYER
JOY
FAITH
HUMILITY
PRAYER
JESUS CHRIST
FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.

CHUTE
DO YOU HAVE AS MUCH FAITH IN GOD AS A SKYDIVER HAS IN HIS PARACHUTE?

Study #14

Bible guidance to questionable practices:

A. The effect of conduct upon self:

1. Is it habit-forming? **1 Corinthians 6:12**

2. Will it war against the soul? **1 Peter 2:11**

3. Is it doubtful? **Romans 14:23**

4. Is it a wise use of time? **Ephesians 5:16**

B. The effect of conduct upon others:

1. Does it make you a good example? **1 Timothy 4:12**

2. Is it wrong in the sight of others? **1 Thessalonians 5:22**

3. Will it help your neighbor? **Romans 15:2**

4. Will it offend anyone in an unrighteous manner? **1 Corinthians10:32**

5. Will it make anyone stumble? **Romans 14:21**

C. The effect of conduct upon God:

1. Can it be done in the name of the Lord? **Colossians 3:17**

2. Can it be done for the glory of God? **1 Corinthians 6:20**

The Well Rounded Christian Life.

Studying the Bible.
1 Timothy 4:6 2 Timothy 4:3
Titus 1:9 Titus 2:1

Prayer.
Matthew 6:5-13

Having Fellowship with Believers.
Hebrews 10:25

Talking to people about Jesus.
Acts 1:8

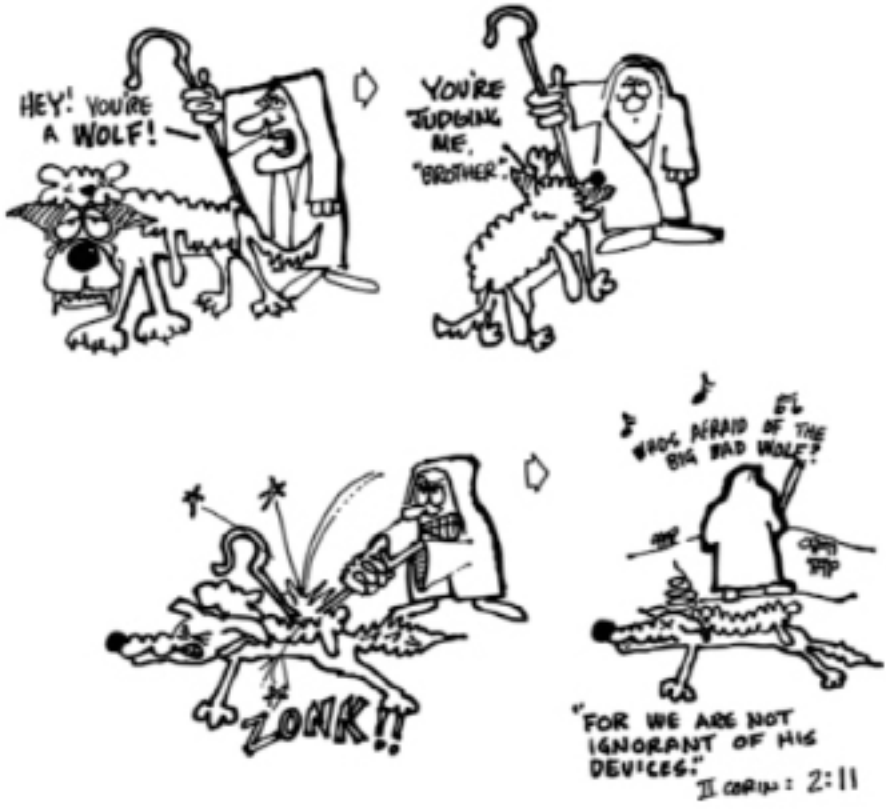
1 Peter 1:7

"that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

Psalms 34:8

"O taste and see that the LORD is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge
in Him!"

Study #15


HEY! YOU'RE A WOLF!
YOU'RE JUDGING ME, "BROTHER."
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF!
ZONK!!
"FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES."
II Corin. 2:11

Don't Let Satan Discourage You!

If you yield to some sin,
immediately ask God to forgive you.
Read 1 John 1:9.
Keep going!

The more you grow in God, the more victory over sin is yours! When a baby, did you walk the first time you tried? No. So as a "child" spiritually, keep developing and victory will be yours!

Your choice to follow Christ is not based on what you feel or don't feel. Nor is it based on what anyone else feels. It stands on the Word of Almighty God, the Bible.
When you accept that by faith, God's Spirit witnesses to your spirit that "it is so..." Believe what God says! **Romans 8:9-16**

Satan can inject evil thoughts into our minds. It is our job to keep that thought out of the heart. The thought He injects is a temptation – temptation usually begins with thoughts. If I refuse the evil thought, I have not sinned, I have overcome the temptation. But if I give way to the thought, play with it; and begin to build it up in my imagination, then I am sinning and giving way to the devil, **1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:12.**

Jesus has won the victory over Satan and all sin by His death on the cross. Therefore we have a right to say, "In Jesus' name, I refuse this thought. I do not have to give way to this sin. Jesus died to overcome it. By His strength I choose His will, not my own." Study what the death, resurrection, ascension and ever-living intercession of Jesus means to the believer in living out the Christian life. **The whole realm of victory is ours in Jesus, Philippians 1:6, 2:10-11, Romans 5:17, 6:6, 16.**

Our will is very important so we must take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

2 Corinthians 10:5.

Ask yourself these questions:

If it is neither God nor I that controls my mental life, then who does?

Are these my thoughts?
Do I want to think this way?
Romans 12:1-2 Romans 15:13

It's a Battlefield of thoughts.

My will is to think?

"Godly" **"Ungodly"**

Be honest with yourself about yourself. You can't fool God so why fool yourself? Rationalization and pride will keep you from being all you can be. Humble yourself with an attitude of servitude and forgiveness. Such will be honoring to God. Dead men do not take offence. How dead are you?
Romans 6:1-2 Romans 6:11

Study #16

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

The Christians will be priests of Christ and reign with Him.
Revelation 20:6

The Christian will be like Him.
1 John 3:2.

The Christian's inheritance is imperishable, undefiled and will not fade away.
1 Peter 1:4.

The Christian has the hope of righteousness.
Galatians 5:5.

The inheritance is rich in glory.
Ephesians 1:18.

Angels long to see the inheritance.
1 Peter 1:12.

Christians will judge the world.
1 Corinthians 6:2

Christians will judge angels.
1 Corinthians 6:3.

The Christian can add to his inheritance
Matthew 6:19-20.

The Christians will gain new bodies.
1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 51, 52

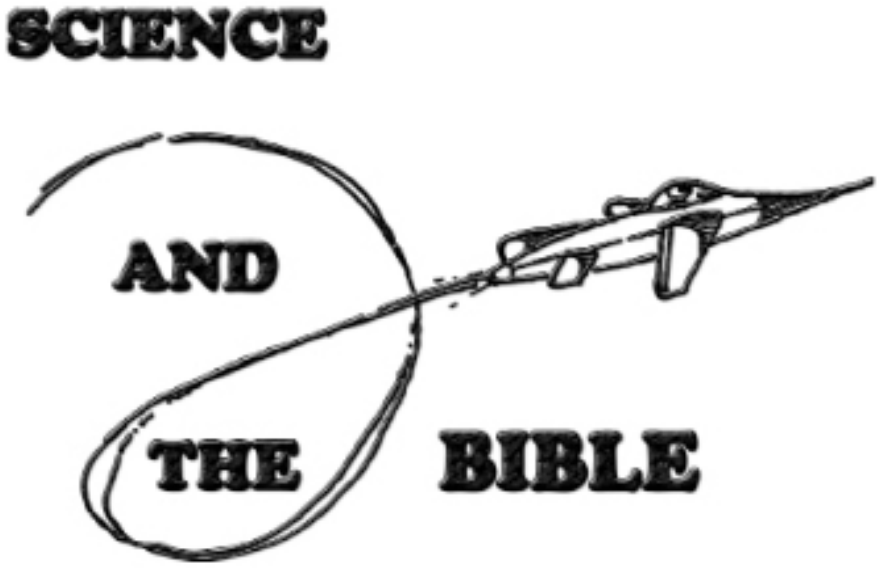
Christians are fellow heirs of Christ.
Romans 8:17.

Revelation 21:1 and 4
"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea...4.) and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain: the first things have passed away."

Matthew 6:10
"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven."

Go talk to someone about Jesus.

Trust Jesus!



Albert Einstein, physics genius and mathematician.
The scientist's religious feeling takes the form of rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection.
"The World As I See It", Coverci (1934)

Sir James Jeans, mathematician.
The universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine. Mind no longer appears as an accidental intruder into the realm of matter; we are beginning to suspect that we ought rather to hail it as the Creator and Governor of the realm of matter.
Quoted by A.E. Wilder-Smith in Man's Origin, Man's Destiny {1968}

There may be a more productive approach to minister to peoples needs.

The Apostle Peter said:

1 Peter 3:15
but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

QUESTIONS

Some of the most commonly asked questions:

1.) Where did God come from?

God had no beginning nor will He have an end.
God is eternal meaning. He has always been.

We only have two options:
A) Either something is eternal.
B) Or, something non-eternal emerged from nothing.

From nothing; nothing comes. By a simple look at the result of the eternal factor-the butterfly wing, hummingbird, rainbow, snowflake, humans etc.-, we must conclude the eternal factor has attributes and is a personal God.

2.) Why does God allow evil?

God desires to have a loving relationship with his creation. True love only has value when the option not to love is present. Evil came as a result of Satan and man's free will choice to rebel against God. The value of those that choose to love God and not rebel against Him merits God allowing evil to exist. God will stop evil eventually. Be thankful God did not stop it before you got here.

3.) If God loves everyone why do so many go to Hell?

God demonstrates His own love to all people, Romans 5:8. But, a demonstration of love is quite different than personally and affectionately loving a person. God demonstrates His love to all, but only personally and affectionately loves those who believe correctly in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Psalms 5:5, Hebrews 10:31, 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

It's foolish for anyone to think he is entitled to an eternal loving relationship with God, when he wants nothing to do with God except on his terms. Why should God **not** send rebellious, sinful, self-seeking people to hell? Obviously heaven would not be heaven if they were there.

Psalms 7:11 "*God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*"
KJV

4.) What is an agnostic?

An agnostic is one that says he does not know. There are two kinds of agnostics: the one says he does not know, but maybe there is a God and maybe there is not. The other kind of an agnostic says he does not know, you don't know and no one can know if there is a God. This is kind of funny-hearing someone say on the one hand that he does not know, but on the other hand claiming to know we can't know.

5.) Why are you not an atheist?

Atheism is based on blind faith. I ask: what percentage of all known knowledge do you personally possess?

Most would say a fraction of a percent. Then my question is, since you are ignorant in relationship to more than 99% of all known knowledge, how do you know God does not exit? How do you know God cannot be known apart from your ignorance?

The reason an atheist can't find God is the same reason a thief can't find a policeman.

6.) Evolution is not science. Do you believe in evolution?

Evolution is not science.
Science is a process of being able to observe things.
Evolution is just a theory and not a good one at that.
At best, evolution can only observe transition within a kind and that is not evolution.
No one has observed one kind changing to another kind.

Evolution has more holes in it than Swiss cheese. What about the so called gigantic fossil-gap between the micro-organisms and the first invertebrates? What about the so called 100 million year fossil-gap between the invertebrates and the vertebrates? What about the fossil-gap between the fish and the amphibians? What about the fossil-gap between the reptiles and the mammals? DNA and RNA are needed to produce protein enzymes. Protein enzymes are needed to produce DNA and RNA. Which comes first, if you cannot have one without the other?

If evolution were true, we should be able to see it occurring right now. Given infinite time and infinite chance, evolutionists say all is possible, but what they forget is: what chance creates, chance destroys.

That's why it is possible, but not probable, that you could flip a coin into the air and have it fall to the ground "heads" 20 times in a row. Evolution would require the coin coming up heads thousands of times in a row. That's why it takes more faith to believe in evolution than it does the tooth fairy. One scientist said the chance of life from non-life, is 1 in 1 followed by 40 thousand zeroes. That is similar to asking a blind man to find the same painted grain of sand twice, after parachuting twice into the Sahara desert.

7.) **Why have Christians been responsible for so many wars?**

I do not accept your presupposition.
People have been responsible for causing wars.

Just because some call themselves Christians, that does not make them Christians.

Certainly we would not conclude people, who are loving their neighbors as themselves, are causing wars. Matthew 22:39
Note: Defending home, family, faith etc., is not the making war, but rather an act of love.

8.) Why do Christians preach hate?

If someone is out preaching hate that certainly would be wrong. But if a person is out warning others of the wrath of God, that is not hate. Luke 12:5. Revealing sin or condemning ungodliness is not "preaching hate".

Like the old cop said. "If your'e not committing the crime, you don't have anything to worry about."

9.) Why should I have to be responsible for what Adam did?

The seed of sin was imbedded within Adam and passed to all his offspring. If you did not have a sinful nature it should be just as easy for you not to sin as to sin. Your own personal inability to stop sinning is evidence that you do have the seed of sin within you. Horses bear horses; fish bear fish; birds bear birds; and sinful men bear sinful men. It's not like God hasn't provided a way of escape for you. John 5:24

10.) Are Christians going to be judged for their sins?

No, that's why they have trusted in the savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Before one becomes a Christian, he runs toward sin. After one becomes a Christian, he runs away from sin. Romans 6:1-2 We can never out-sin God's ability to forgive. If a Christian was responsible for his own sin, it would make a mockery of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
Romans 6:10-11 I Peter 3:18

11.) What happens when someone dies?

After the Christian physically dies, he immediately goes to be with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 The non-Christian awaits judgment. Revelation 20:11-15

Philippians 1:21-23
"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22) If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23) I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;"

12.) Why are there so many churches?

God has given man the freedom to make mistakes. There are many factors to consider in figuring this one out. There are false teachers. People divide over racial differences.
People divide over financial status. People divide over cultural heritage. People divide over traditional differences.
People divide over Biblical interpretation. People divide over Biblical application. People divide over educational status. People divide over appearance. People divide because of pride. People divide over faith in one man over another. People divide over wrongs suffered. People divide by taking their eyes off Jesus and putting them on men. This could go on and on, but what I suggest is to study your Bible and then try to find a church that measures up to your understanding of the scriptures.
Always remembering Ephesians 4:1-6.

13.) Why, if God created everything, are things so imperfect?

Everything God created was good. Seven times, in Genesis, Chapter One, it declares "it was good". As a result of man rebelling against God's love, sin came into the world and some things changed from being good to being imperfect. That's why we have wars, crime, death, pollution, divorce, sickness, lawlessness, birth defects, greed, hatred, famine, insanity, earthquakes, riots, etc.

14.) Why did Jesus have to die?

Jesus did not have to die. It was only because of His mercy, care and love for mankind that He offered Himself as a living sacrifice for mankind's sins.

Jesus is God; man's sin was against God.
Only the forgiveness of the one sinned against is meaningful.

Death and Blood are required by God for atonement of sin. Only God can provide the remedy for man's sins against Him. Jesus died on the cross for mankind's sins. Jesus paid the price for mans sin against Him, so forgiveness could be made available.

Hebrews 9:16-17 Hebrews 9:22 Hebrews 9:28
1 Corinthians 15:22 1 Corinthians 15:45-50

15.) Why do you believe in things you do not see?

Everyone believes in things they can't see or have not seen.

Have you seen the wind? Have you ever seen oxygen? Have you seen an electron, proton, or neutron? Have you seen dark energy or dark matter? Have you seen vitamin C?

Have you seen electricity? How about a radio or TV wave? Do you believe in gravity? We do not see God, but we do see the effect of God all around us. Have you ever seen a baby being born? Have you gazed at the stars in the sky? Have you experienced the love of God? Have you known of peace like a river and joy like a fountain? Do you know of forgiveness?

16.) You have never met God, so why believe in Him?

How do you know I have never met God?
Romans 8:9 Galatians 4:6

17.) Why believe the Bible? It was just written by imperfect men?

Are you suggesting that God cannot set forth His message through imperfect man and preserve it through the ages if that's what He wants to do? Or, are you saying God would not do that? In either case I ask the question, how do you know that's not what God has done? No one has yet proved an historical, cultural, factual or ethical error in the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17
"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17} that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2 Peter 1:21
"for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

18.) Why are there so many contradictions in the Bible?

An apparent contradiction is not a contradiction. If context is taken into consideration it tends to eliminate many of the apparent contradictions. Varying partial accounts within verses that tend to differ do not establish contradictions. For example we have one account of Judas death that says he hung himself in Matthew 27:5, but in Acts 1:18, we're told Judas burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. Those apparent differing partial accounts could easily be solved by the full account. It could have happened like this.

Judas went out to hang himself, but he did not tie the knot to the tree tight enough and fell down and his middle busted open and his intestines gushed out.

So the responsibility is upon the critic to come up with clear contradictions, which so far I have never seen, not even one.

When we don't understand correctly, and assume we do, the door is open for apparent contradictions.

Also note our faith is in the original autographs of Scripture. We are not claiming there are not some problems within translations. We are saying that translational problems have never negatively effected one doctrine of the Christian faith.

19.) **What about other religions? Are they all going to hell?**

John 14:6 *"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."*

I don't know anyone who claims Jesus was a liar.
Therefore, if Jesus says there is one way, since He is God, there must be only one way. All people and religions have the ability to conform to the teachings of Jesus. The only ingredient necessary is called "repentance", the changing of ones mind about the person of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, all can be saved, but without Jesus, no one can be saved. Believing in the right God, and what's right about Him, is essential for salvation.

20. **What about people that have never heard of Jesus?**

God is going to be completely fair with all people. No one will believe he was treated unfairly by God.

Philippians 2:9-11 "*Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*
Romans 1:18-25

21.) If God knew man was going to sin, why did He create man?

Knowing and controlling are two different things.

The end result of all merits the creation.

Revelation 21:1-4 "*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. 2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a* bride *adorned for her husband. 3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, 4) and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.""*

22.) What's wrong with Homosexuality?

Homosexuality is unnatural. If everyone was homosexual none of us would be here.

It's not God's design. It's one of many sins that should be repelled against. Leviticus 20:13 Romans 1:26-27

It seems in our day everyone is looking for some excuse for their sin. The homosexuals claim they were born that way. The alcoholics claims it is genetic. The mentally ill claim it is a chemical imbalance. The drug addict claims he was born with an additive personality.

The one thing all of these have in common is that God tells them all to stop their sinning. Regardless of why you are the way you are, the Biblical answer is becoming born-again, getting indwelt with the Holy Spirit and starting to live right, rather than wrongly.

23.) What about Islam, are you saying they are wrong?

Islam claims their God is the God of Abraham, just as the Jews and the Christians.

Most of the Jews have rejected their Messiah, whereas the Christians have accepted the Jewish Messiah. Now Muhammad came about six hundred years after Jesus and said Jesus was a truth-teller, the apostles were truth-tellers and the prophets were truth-tellers. Baqara 2:136 & 285

So all we should have to do is look at the testimonies of the ones Muhammad says are truth-tellers to see if they agree with the teachings of Islam. And when we do that, we find some great discrepancies.

For example Muhammad claims Jesus was not the son of God, and did not rise from the dead, and is not God. By simply looking at the Scriptures, we can easily see how Muhammad missed the mark.

Muhammad made a classic error relying on his own limited knowledge and understanding six hundred years after the fact rather than relying on the ones he said were truth tellers.
Mâ'ida 5:46 Ali-Imran 3:3-4 Maryam 19:34

Isaiah 9:6
"For a **child will be born to us,** *a son will be given to us;*
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And **His name will be called** *Wonderful Counselor,*
Mighty God, Eternal Father, *Prince of Peace."*

Proverbs 30:4
"Who has ascended into heaven and descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has wrapped the waters in His garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name or His Son's name?
Surely you know!"

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3) For I delivered to you as of **first importance** *what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4) and that He was buried, and that* **He was raised on the third day** *according to the Scriptures, 5) and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6) After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7) then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8) and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also."*

John 14:6
"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

24.) What gives you the right to Judge?

Everyone judges! About the only thing we all do more than judge is breath from the time we get up in the morning, until the time we go to bed at night. God made man to judge. That's why the Bible is full of do's and don'ts. Since we did not invent the message, but we are only passing it on, we can't be accused of Judging. Now of course, if we are laying a trip of condemnation on someone, while we're doing the very thing we're telling them not to do, that is being a hypocrite and is wrong. Just as it says: **Matthew 7:5** *"You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,* ***and then*** *you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."*

Matthew 7 does not teach not to judge
but does teach not to be a hypocrite when you do.

1 Corinthians 2:15
"But he who is spiritual judges all things,
yet he himself is rightly judged by no one."

1 Corinthians 6:3
"Do you not know that we shall judge angels?
How much more, matters of this life?"

25.) I just try to be a good person and not hurt anyone-why is that not good enough?

Your goodness may place you head and shoulders over your fellowman, but that does not get you to Heaven. You have to meet God's standard of goodness to get to Heaven. **There, you fall way short.** That's why you need to trust in the one and only savior, Jesus Christ.

James 2:10 "*For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*"

There is no sin allowed in Heaven; otherwise, Heaven would not be heaven. Every sin you have ever sinned is attached to you like a wart. You may only have a dozen in your whole life, whereas your neighbor may have hundreds or even thousands.

Nonetheless, no sins are allowed in Heaven. Your dozens or someone else's one sin-both cannot gain entry, simply because no sin is allowed. That's why Jesus is the Savior. He washes our sins away and makes us clean, by His substitute sacrifice of Blood.

Ephesians 1:7
"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,"

26.) Do you literally believe in the miracles recorded in the Bible?

Once you recognize the existence of God you have to accept the super natural. Once you accept the reality of the supernatural, you have to accept the fact that the supernatural is not subject to the natural, but the natural is subject to the supernatural. That alone can explain the reality of miracles revealed in the Biblical account. Simply put, is it a wild leap to conclude that the One who created the heavens and earth has the ability to walk on water?

27.) What's wrong with going to Hell? I will be with all my friends.

Trust me; your friends are not going to be happy in Hell. Consider the desire to get high on drugs, but no drugs. You have the desire to get drunk, but no booze. You have the desire to smoke a cigarette, but there are no cigarettes. The desire to have fun, but there is no fun to be found. Wanting love, but finding hate. Wanting happiness, and finding depression. Desiring freedom, and finding bondage. Seeking forgiveness, and finding no Savior. Let's face it; Hell is going to be the ultimate bum-trip.

Luke 16:24
"So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'"

28.) I think I have committed the unpardonable sin.

Well, I ask you, do you feel bad about it? If you say "yes", then you can be assured you have not committed it.

Personally, I do not believe the unpardonable sin can be committed, within the time frame of the New Covenant.

I believe it was an attack against Jesus, when He was on earth, under the direction of the Father, empowered by the Holy Spirit. They claimed He was empowered by the devil.

29.) Why does God allow suffering? Why does He not just end it all?

How would you have liked God to have stopped all the suffering 100 years ago and just ended it all? Well friend, you would not be here. It's because of God's patience and mercy that He allows things to go on, desiring all to trust in Jesus. One day the curtain will fall and the wrath of God will come with judgment and an accounting of all things. Are you ready?

30.) My child died, so where was God?

Most people that have ever lived have died. Death comes as a result of man's rebellion against God. The fact that your child died sooner than most, certainly is sad, but why blame God? Why not blame rebellion and sin? Why not blame a fallen world? Why not be thankful that God allowed you to have something wonderful for a short while? Why not use this experience to communicate to others the importance of life and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

God honors man's choice of desiring to be separated from God, along with all the negatives that go along with that rebellion. God is continually attempting to rescue man from his fallen state but won't violate man's will. Why? Simply because it's that very will that makes the loving relationship effectual for those that trust in Jesus.

31.) Where did Cain get his wife?

In Genesis 5:4 it says that after Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years. In Genesis 1:28, God commands man to be fruitful and multiply, so applying simple mathematics to the situation it is easy to conclude that Cain married a distant sister of his, or a niece or grandniece.

The law against incest did not come until after the flood, after Abraham, thousands of years after Cain. All that God created was good, very good; since sin came into the world there has been a constant spiral down from pure perfection to imperfection so those laws against incest were enacted for good reason as a result of the progressive probability of birth defects, with the continual decline from perfection to imperfection.

32.) What about the different accounts of creation in Genesis, chapters 1-2?

A. These are **not** 'different' or independent accounts, for no one would omit the creation of sun, moon, seas, earth, etc. as does Genesis 2. This proves it is **supplementary** and not independent.

B. Chapter two is partially a recapitulation, and partially supplementary, as is common in ancient Near Eastern literature. Taking the most important aspect of the earlier account, a writer would then zero in on the most important factor. Here it is man, hence more details in chapter 2.

33.) Why did God create man? Was He lonely?

God was not lonely. God is totally sufficient within His own nature and needs nothing. God did not need to create man for any reason anymore than you need to go down to the dairy queen and get a strawberry sundae. For your good pleasure, you get the strawberry sundae, not because you need it. So it is with God, He created man for His own good pleasure.

Isaiah 46:9-10
"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10) Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying,' My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';"

James 1:17
"Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow."

34.) How could Jesus be born of a virgin?

Jesus had to be born of a virgin. If He had been born in the normal way, He would have had a sin nature and all that goes along with it. In other words, Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit. If not, He would have been born in sin. How that occurred was a supernatural act of God. Jesus was the second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45) Again, God can do anything God wants to do, short of violating His own Holy attributes. Even in our day, people can be born of a virgin, just not without a sin nature.

35.) I believe Jesus was a good teacher, but not God.

How could Jesus have been a good teacher if He was lying and deceiving?

John 10:30
"I and the Father are one."

John 14:9
"Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** *how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

John 11:25-26
"Jesus said to her, "I AM the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, 26) and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Matthew 7:13-14
"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14) "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."

Isaiah 9:6
For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

36.) What's wrong with believing in reincarnation?

The Bible says:

Hebrews 9:27
"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,"

{Therefore, judgment does not include another period on earth.}

37.) Why do you think people reject God?

1.} Ignorance 2.} Pride 3.) Immorality 4.) Selfishness

38.) Why are there two different genealogies of Jesus, one in Matthew the other in Luke?

A. Matthew gives Joseph's Physical lineage;
B. Luke gives Mary's Physical lineage.

Matthew: the connection is to Abraham, aimed at Jewish readers. His purpose was to show that Jesus was indeed Jewish, a son of Abraham.

Luke: the connection is to Adam, aimed at Gentile readers. His purpose to show the universal humanity of Jesus.

39. Why are there so many hypocrites in the Churches?

Churches are made up of people and people aren't perfect.

Now, just because you go into a McDonald's, when you come out that doesn't make you a Big Mac. And, just because you go into a church, that doesn't make you a Christian. Jesus had strong words against hypocrisy.

Matthew 23:27-28
*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. 28) "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."*

Romans 6:1-2
"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? 2) May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"

40.) Why does God not answer my prayers?

God **does** answers all Christian's prayers,
eather "Yes" or "No", and in God's way according to God's will and God's time.

If you are not born again you cannot expect God to answer your prayers.

John 9:31
*"We know that **God does not** hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, **and does His will,** He hears him."*

John 6:40
*"**For this is the will of My Father,** that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I My self will raise him up on the last day."*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
*"**For this is the will of God,** your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4) that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,*
5) not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
6) and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.
7) For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 8) Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."

41.) Basically, don't all religions teach the same things?

The answer is "yes" and "no".
First, it's important to understand that a principle of God's truth is going to work for anyone. Even an atheist that does not lie, cheat or steal is going to feel better about himself, than if he did lie cheat and steal. God gave each person a conscience that makes a person feel bad when it's violated. It's easy to see why religions have incorporated many of the same principles of God's truth. When practiced, they make a person feel better about himself. But, please understand that by practicing principles of God's truth in no way gets a person to Heaven and saves a person from Hell. It's not a case of doing good that gets you to Heaven or doing evil that sends you to Hell.

It's simply a case of accepting through faith God's provision for your sin, Jesus Christ-or rejecting Gods provision for your sin, Jesus Christ.

John 14:6
"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

42.) What is a cult?

For me, what makes a cult is being wrong on who God is and how one becomes saved. So if someone is advocating that Jesus is something other than the One and only Eternal God, that is cultic. If someone is advocating that salvation is obtained by Jesus, **plus** something else, that is cultic.

43.) I don't understand the Bible. What's it all about anyway?

It starts with Genesis telling of the creation of man. Adam and Eve were created perfect, but when God tested their resolve to obey Him, they decided to do what they wanted, instead, with the result that sin and evil came into the world. It has affected everyone of us since then; this is referred to as "The Fall."

Mankind became evil very soon, and in Genesis 7, it says that God was grieved that He had made man. He decided to get rid of everyone, except a man named Noah and his family. This is when the worldwide flood happened. After the flood, the earth was repopulated.

The rest of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi, is the story of how God chose a man named Abraham to be the father of the Jews, who God chose as His people to walk with Him and obey His laws. It is a long history of both the good and the bad things they experienced as His people. In the book of Exodus, God gave them His Law, and it was meant to help them know how to live and how to please God.

In the Old Testament, there are many references to a coming Messiah, or promised one, Who would die for the sins of the whole human race (Isaiah 53). For thousands of years, the Jews looked for the Messiah. But when He came, He was so different from what they expected that they didn't recognize Him. The Messiah's name was Jesus Christ, and He was born in 1 AD. Jesus' story is told in the New Testament.

About 2000 years after God gave the promise to Abraham, Jesus was born. Jesus' birth and life are recorded by four different people: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Matthew, Mark, and John personally knew Jesus and lived with him as His followers, called disciples. When you have three different people telling the same story about their experiences with a person, it is strong evidence to the factuality of the accounts. Plus: Luke 1:1-4

Luke 1:1-4

"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2) just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have handed them down to us, 3) it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4) so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught."

These four people wrote the first four books of the New Testament, which are called by their names: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They tell about Jesus' life and ministry, but they also tell how the Jewish leaders hated Him because He exposed their hypocrisy and corruption. They conspired with the Roman government in Israel to have Jesus put to death by crucifixion. They thought they were going to get rid of Him and end their problem.

But God had another plan - to raise Jesus from the dead for all to see. Over 500 people actually saw Jesus after He rose from the dead - they were eyewitnesses of it, in spite of the Jews spreading a rumor that it didn't happen. There is enough evidence of Jesus' death and resurrection for it to be counted factual in a court of law today.

After Jesus arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, the Church came into being. It is made up of people who have asked Jesus to be their personal savior, to forgive their sin and to take them to Heaven when they die. The Church is about 2000 years old. It starts in the book of Acts and goes to the Book of Revelation. Revelation tells of things that are yet to happen - the seven year Tribulation and the coming one thousand year Millennium, when God will restore this earth. The Millennium will be the period of the full manifestation of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Book of Revelation ends with the creation of the new heavens and new earth, when for all of eternity those of us who have trusted in Christ will live together without any trace of sin left. Everything will be perfect, like we wish life would be now.

So now if you open your Bible to Genesis 1 the pages from Genesis 1 to Genesis 22 amounts to about 2000 years. That's where God was dealing primarily with the human race in general. Now turn from Genesis Chapter 22 to the book of Matthew, which is about 2000 years, where God was dealing primarily with the Jewish people. Now from Matthew to the book of Revelation it's also been about 2000 years. That is where the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus is the primary issue, along with His church, referred to as the Body of Christ.

When people first read the Bible, it is a good idea to start with the New Testament, which tells about Jesus. The Old Testament is long, and though it is very interesting, you can get bogged down at first if you don't know much about who the people are. Start with John, and read through the New Testament. Take your time, and focus on Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Ask God to help you understand what you are reading. He has promised to do that if we ask Him. When you invite Jesus to forgive you and trust Him to be your Savior, the Bible will make a lot more sense to you.

Even if you don't believe at first, if you read the Bible with a real desire to know the truth, and if you ask God to show you the truth, He will do it. - Start today.

Not Knowing your Bible Produces:

Hebrews 4:12
"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword , and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

John 7:38

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water .'"

Bible Believers Guide

It's time to get to know the real God!

A.)

There are certain thing the Christian should Abhor.
The word abhor is rendered: intense hate, or abominable.
Ask yourself what evil do you look upon in this way.

Romans 12:9
"Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor** what is evil; cling to what is good."

Proverbs 8:13
"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, **I hate."**

There are certain things Christians should look at as Abominations.

Proverbs 17:15
"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an **abomination** to the LORD."

Deuteronomy 7:25
"The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an **abomination** to the LORD your God."

Abortion is the greatest sin mankind has perpetrated upon his fellow man in the history of the world.

Jeremiah 1:5
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born **I consecrated you;** I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Galatians 1:15
"But when He who had set me apart, even from **my mother's womb,** and called me through His grace, was pleased"

Luke 1:15
"For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, **while yet in his mother's womb**."

Psalms 22:10
"Upon Thee I was cast from birth; Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb."

There are those that think of themselves as Christian, but are not, they are Accursed.

Galatians 1:7-9
"But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be **accursed.** 9) As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be **accursed."**

Adam passed the sin nature on to all mankind, evident by the fact all die. Horses bare horses, birds bare birds and sinful men bare sinful men. Sin springs forth from an evil nature, that's why we don't have to teach people how to lie and steal and such, because it just comes naturally to them.

Romans 5:12
"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"...

Ephesians 2:3
"Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath,** even as the rest."

Answers about our faith are not always easy to give. That is why we need to study our Bibles and always be ready to respond

1 Peter 3:15
"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;"

Anger can be divine.
But, don't use it to excuse bad behavior.

Psalms 7:11
"God is a just judge, And God is **angry** with the wicked every day."

Mark 3:5
"And after looking around at them with **anger,** grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored."

Mark 11:15
"And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves;"

Anger should be dealt with immediately.

Ephesians 4:26-27
"Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27) and do not give the devil an opportunity."

Arguing often is fruitless, but can at times be directed by God.

Acts 9:28-29
"And he was with them moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord. 29) And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death."

Acts 15:2
"And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue."

Armor is what the Christian needs to be wearing all the time.

Ephesians 6:10-11
"Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. 11) Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."

Astrology is wrong and Christians should have nothing to do with it. Note: There is a big difference between Astrology and Astronomy.

Isaiah 47:13
"You are wearied with your many counsels; Let now the astrologers, Those who prophesy by the stars, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you."

Atheism resembles an ostrich with it's head buried in the dirt.

Psalms 14:1
"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good."

Romans 1:19-20
"because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."

B.)

The truth of Baptism is important to properly understand.

John 1:33
"And I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to **baptize in water** said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the one who **baptizes in the Holy Spirit."**

Acts 1:5
"for John baptized with **water,** but you shall be baptized with the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now."

Acts 11:15-16
"And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as He did upon us at the beginning. 16) "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with **water**, but you shall be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**."

1 Corinthians 12:13
"For by **one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all made to drink of one Spirit."**

Spirit Baptism.

Ephesians 4:5
"one Lord, one faith, **one baptism,"**

Believing is the requirement to be saved.

John 5:24
"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

Romans 10:9
"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;"

Believing does not always have the correct foundation.
As a result some that believe are not saved.
Keep in mind the devil believes in Jesus. It's not the believing that matters, but the object of your believing that makes the difference. Believing in the right Jesus and what's right about Him. Personal application is essential.

1 John 2:19
"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

2 Corinthians 13:5-6
"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — unless indeed you fail the test? 6) But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test."

2 Corinthians 11:13-14
"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14) And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light."

1 John 4:1
"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Hebrews 3:12
"Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God."

Hebrews 10:38-39
"But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. 39) But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have **faith** to the preserving of the soul."

Bible testimonies assert the scriptures came from God, evident by the writers giving the credit to God.

2 Samuel 23:2
"The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue."

Jeremiah 1:9
"Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me," ...

Isaiah 59:21
"And as for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

2 Timothy 3:16
"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;"

2 Peter 1:21
"for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

Blessed are you when.

Luke 6:21-23
"Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22) "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. 23) "Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets."

Blood is where the life is.

Leviticus 17:11
"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement."

The Blood of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:14
"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Hebrews 10:18-19
"Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19) Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place **by the blood of Jesus,"**

Ephesians 2:13
"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near **by the blood of Christ."**

C.)

Captivate your thoughts; it's a battlefield of thoughts.

2 Corinthians 10:5
"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, **and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,"**

Ephesians 6:12
"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Characteristics of a Christian.

Galatians 5:22-26
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26) Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another."

Church unity is essential for a church to be all it can be, so believe theses things..

Ephesians 4:1-6
"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, 3) being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4) There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as also you were called in **one** hope of your calling; 5) **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, 6) **one** God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."

Christian advice.

Philippians 2:1-5
"If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2) make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; 4) do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.** 5) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 4:8-9
"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **let your mind dwell on these things.** 9) The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you."

Colossians 3:16-17
"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

The circle of the Earth was foretold roughly 2200 years before man proved the world was round.

Isaiah 40:22
"It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in."

Confession is the equivalent of not being ashamed of identifying yourself with Jesus.

Luke 12:8-9
"And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man shall confess him also before the angels of God; 9) but he who denies Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."

Covenant is valid only when the One who made it is dead.

Hebrews 9:15-17
"And for this reason He is the mediator of a **new covenant**, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16) For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. 17) For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives."

Creator God.

Genesis 1:1
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Creator the Father.

1 Corinthians 8:6
"yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

Creator Jesus.

John 1:3
"All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

Creator Holy Spirit.

Psalms 104:30
"Thou dost send forth Thy Spirit, they are created; And Thou dost renew the face of the ground."

Creator One God.

Malachi 2:10
"Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us?"

Crowns

1 Corinthians 9:25-27
"And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, **but we an imperishable.** 26) Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27) but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
"For who is our hope or joy or **crown of exultation?** Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20} For you are our glory and joy."

2 Timothy 4:8
"in the future there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

James 1:12
"Blessed is a man who perseveres **under trial;** for once he has been approved, he will receive the **crown of life,** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

1 Peter 5:2-4
"shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3) nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. 4) And when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you will receive the unfading crown of glory."**

Cruel messenger.

Proverbs 17:11
"A rebellious man seeks only evil, So a cruel messenger will be sent against him."

D.)

Dead ...Jesus rose from the dead by the Father.

Romans 8:11
"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you."

1 Corinthians 6:14
"Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power."

Dead ...Jesus rose Himself from the dead demonstrating He is God.

John 2:19-21
"Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will raise it up."** 20) The Jews therefore said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21) But He was speaking of the temple of His body."

John 10:30
"I and the Father are one."

Depravity.

Psalms 51:5
"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me."

Psalms 58:3
"The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth."

Jeremiah 17:9
"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"

Romans 3:10-11
"There is none righteous, not even one; 11) There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;"

1 Corinthians 15:22
"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."

Ephesians 2:3
"Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath,** even as the rest."

Deeds of the flesh.

Galatians 5:19-21
"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20) idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21) envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Demons can infiltrate people.

Mark 1:39
"And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons."

Give the Devil no opportunity.

Ephesians 4:27
"and do not give the devil an opportunity."

Resist the Devil.

James 4:7
"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Jesus Died, once for all.

Hebrews 10:10-12
"By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11) And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12) but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,"

Doctrine is essential for true Christian's maturity.

1 Timothy 4:6
"In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the **sound doctrine** which you have been following."

Titus 1:9
"holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in **sound doctrine** and to refute those who contradict."

2 Timothy 4:3-4
"For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine;** but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4) and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths."

Drunkards are in big trouble.

Proverbs 20:1
"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise."

1 Corinthians 6:10
"nor thieves, nor the covetous, **nor drunkards,** nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

E.)

Election is an essential doctrine of the Christian faith.

Romans 8:29-30
"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30) and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."

2 Thessalonians 2:13
"But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has **chosen you** from the beginning for salvation **through** sanctification by the Spirit **and faith in the truth.**"

Eternal Life, is an eternal love relationship that starts with regeneration and can never end, otherwise it would never have been eternal life to begin with.

John 5:24
"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, **has eternal life,** and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

1 John 5:13
"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may **know that you have eternal life.**"

John 10:27-30
"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28) and I give eternal life to them, **and they shall never perish;** and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29) "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30) "I and the Father are one."

Romans 8:38-39
"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Romans 6:23
"For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 11:29
"for the **gifts** and the calling of God are irrevocable."

2 Timothy 2:13
"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."

Evolution will make a monkey out of you.

Genesis 1:26-27
"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27) And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Job 11:12
"And an idiot will become intelligent
When the foal of a wild donkey is born a man."

Eyewitness testimonies, testify to the truth.

2 Peter 1:16
"For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but we were eyewitnesses** of His majesty."

Luke 1:1-4
"In as much as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2) **just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses** and servants of the word **have handed them down to us,** 3) it seemed fitting for me as well, having **investigated everything carefully from the beginning,** to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4) so that you might know the **exact truth** about the things you have been taught."

F.)

We are **justified by Faith.**

Galatians 2:16
"nevertheless knowing that a man **is not justified** by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, **and not by the works of the Law;** since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified."

Ephesians 2:8-9
"For by grace you have been saved **through faith; and that not of yourselves,** it is the gift of God; 9) not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

Romans 4:5
"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is reckoned as righteousness,"**

Titus 3:5-7
"He saved us, **not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness,** but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6) whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7) that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Faith is evidence of who and what we are.

1 Peter 1:7
"that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

Romans 5:3-5
"And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4) and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5) and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

James 1:2-4
"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3) knowing that the **testing of your faith** produces endurance. 4) And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

Faith is.

Hebrews 11:1
"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Father ...only one that should be respected and called Father.

Matthew 23:9
"And do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven."

Fear of God.

Proverbs 8:13
"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate."

Proverbs 9:10
"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Matthew 10:28
"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; **but rather fear Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

2 Corinthians 5:11
"Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences."

Hebrews 10:31
"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Revelation 14:6-7
"And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an **eternal gospel** to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7) and he said with a loud voice, **"Fear God,** and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

Foods are all good.

1 Timothy 4:1-5
"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2) by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3) men who forbid marriage and **advocate abstaining from foods,** which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 4) **For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected,** if it is received with gratitude; 5) for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer."

Forgiveness is wonderful.

Isaiah 1:18
"Come now, and let us reason together, " Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as **white as snow;** Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."

Hebrews 8:12
"For I will be merciful to their iniquities, **And I will remember their sins no more.**"

Forgiving one another is essential for Christian growth.

Luke 17:3-4
"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4) "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Ephesians 4:32
"And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Mark 11:26
"But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."

Colossians 3:13
"bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."

James 2:13
"For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment."

Jesus is eternally Faithful to us.

2 Timothy 2:13
"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."

Foolishness to those that are perishing.

1 Corinthians 1:18
"For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Foolish ones.

1 Corinthians 1:27
"but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,"

G.)

His Glory before the world was declares that Jesus is God.

John 17:5
"And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had **with Thee** before the world was."

Isaiah 42:8
"I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images."

God is Light.

1 John 1:5
"And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is light,** and in Him there is no darkness at all."

God is Spirit.

John 4:24
"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

God is Love.

1 John 4:16
"And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love,** and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

God is one God.

Isaiah 43:10
"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, In order that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. **Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me."**

Isaiah 44:6
"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, **And there is no God besides Me."**

Deuteronomy 6:4
"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"

God is All-knowledgable in His wisdom (Omniscient).

Psalms 147:5
"Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; **His understanding is infinite."**

Past.

Isaiah 46:9-10
"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10) Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying,' My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure";

Future.

Isaiah 65:24
"It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."

God is All-powerful (Omnipotent).

1 Chronicles 29:11
"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all."

Matthew 19:26
"And looking upon them Jesus said to them, "With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible."**

God is All-present (Omnipresent).

Jeremiah 23:23-24
"Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off?
24) "Can a man hide himself in hiding places, So I do not see him?"
declares the LORD. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?"
declares the LORD."

Psalms 139:7
"Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from
Thy presence?"

God has change within His unchangeable nature and plan.

Malachi 3:6
"For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

Hebrews 13:8
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever."

God has a Son.

Proverbs 30:4
"Who has ascended into heaven and descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has wrapped the waters in His garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!"

Isaiah 9:6
"For a child will be born to us, **a son will be given to us;** And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

God is avenging.

Nahum 1:2
"A jealous and avenging God is the LORD; The LORD is avenging and wrathful. The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies."

God is a consuming fire.

Deuteronomy 4:24
"For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

Hebrews 12:29
"for our God is a consuming fire."

God is Eternal.

Psalms 90:2
"Before the mountains were born, Or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, **Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.**"

God is infinite.

1 Kings 8:27
"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!"

God has patience.

Exodus 34:6
"Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;"

God is jealous.

Exodus 34:14
"for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God"

God can be grieved.

Ephesians 4:30
"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

God can be angry.

Psalms 7:11
"God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day."

John 3:36
"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Jesus is called God.

John 20:28
"Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

God is HOLY.

Isaiah 6:3
"And one called out to another and said,"Holy, Holy, Holy,
is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

God is SPIRIT.

John 4:24
"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

God is the HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 5:3-4
"But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart **to lie to the Holy Spirit,** and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4) "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to men, but to God.**"

God will expose the motives.

1 Corinthians 4:5
"Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."

Godly men will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12
"And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

God dwells in an unapproachable light.

1 Timothy 6:16
"who alone possesses immortality **and dwells in unapproachable light;** whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen."

God Hates.

Psalms 5:5
"The boastful shall not stand before Thine eyes; Thou dost **hate** all who do iniquity."

Psalms 11:5-6
"The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence **His soul hates.** 6) Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup."

Proverbs 6:16-19
"There are six things which the **LORD hates,** Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17) Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18) A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19) A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers."

Malachi 2:16
"For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

God does not hear the prayers of sinners.

John 9:31
"We know that God **does not** hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him."

Gods Sovereign Plan requires wrath and calamity to fall on all rebellious sinful people without the savior. It's the Holy reaction to sin. From the sinners point of view, he sees it as evil. Yet it's the result of his sinful nature and life style.

Isaiah 45:7
"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil:
I the LORD do all these things."

Isaiah 31:2
"Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, And does not retract His words, **But will arise against the house of evildoers,** And against the help of the workers of iniquity."

Isaiah 47:11
"But evil will come on you which you will not know how to charm away; And disaster will fall on you for which you cannot atone, And destruction about which you do not know will come on you suddenly."

Jeremiah 44:8
"provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?"

God requires.

Deuteronomy 10:12
"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your **God require** from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,"

Demons are worshiped as gods.

1 Corinthians 10:20
"No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons."

God of gods.

Deuteronomy 10:17
"For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God **who does not show partiality,** nor take a bribe."

gods are by nature no gods, you can make a god out of anything through worship. But there is only one eternal God by nature.

Galatians 4:8
"However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by **nature are no gods"**

1 Corinthians 8:4-6
"Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, **and that there is no God but one.** 5) For even if there are **so-called gods** whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6) yet for us there is but **one God,** the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

gods... the word Elohim used as a false god.

1 Kings 18:25
"So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your **god,** but put no fire under it."

Jonah 1:5
"Then the sailors became afraid, and every man cried to his **god,** and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down, and fallen sound asleep."

Deuteronomy 7:25
"The graven images of their **gods** you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God."

God commanded the angels to worship Jesus.

Hebrews 1:6
"And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says,
"And let all the angels of God **worship Him**."

Luke 4:8
"And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall **worship** the Lord your God and serve **Him only**."

God desires Salvation for all.

Acts 10:34-35
"And opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35) but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, **is welcome to Him.**"

Acts 17:30
"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that **all everywhere should repent,"**

Titus 2:11
"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,"

1 John 2:2
"and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world"

2 Peter 3:9
"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."**

H.)

Head trip text.

1 Timothy 6:3-5
"If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4) he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and **disputes about words,** out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, 5) and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain."

2 Timothy 2:14
"Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God **not to wrangle about words,** which is useless, and leads to the ruin of the hearers."

Hell is real and horrible.

Matthew 13:42
"and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

2 Thessalonians 1:9
"And these will pay the penalty of **eternal destruction,** away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,"

Matthew 18:8
"And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, **to be cast into the eternal fire."**

Matthew 25:41
"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, **accursed ones, into the eternal fire** which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;"

Matthew 25:46
"And these will go away into **eternal punishment,** but the righteous into eternal life."

Revelation 20:15
"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was **thrown into the lake of fire."**

Hell spoken of in the Old Testament.

Daniel 12:2
"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and **everlasting contempt."**

Holy Spirit reproves the World.

John 16:8-11
"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning **sin,** and **righteousness,** and **judgment;** 9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10) and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; 11) and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged."

Holy Spirit regenerates.

John 3:6-7
"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7} "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again."

Holy Spirit promises to seal all that trust Jesus.

Ephesians 1:13
"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, **you were sealed in Him** with the Holy Spirit of promise,"

Holy Spirit Baptism is essential for regeneration and to be in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13
"For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body,** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Holy Spirit can be grieved.

Ephesians 4:30
"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Holy Spirit can be quenched.

1 Thessalonians 5:19
"Do not quench the Spirit;"

Homosexuals sex is sin.

1 Corinthians 6:9
"Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, **nor homosexuals,"**

Romans 1:26-27
"For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27) and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error."

Leviticus 18:22
"You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female;
it is an abomination."

Leviticus 20:13
"If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; **they shall surely be put to death.** Their bloodguiltiness is upon them."

Husbands are accountable.

1 Peter 3:7
"You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered."

Ephesians 5:25-28
"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26) that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27) that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. 28) So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;"

I.)

God is the I AM.

Exodus 3:14
"And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."

Jesus is the I AM.

John 8:58
"Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
before Abraham was born, I am."

Regard one another as more important.

Philippians 2:2-4
"make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; 4) do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."**

Isaiah preached naked for 3 years.

Isaiah 20:3
"And the LORD said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a sign and token against Egypt and Cush,"

J.)

Two things Jesus Christ is.

1.} God
John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

2.} Man
1 John 4:2 "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;"

Two things Jesus Christ did.

1.} Died:
Revelation 1:18 "and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades."

2.} Rose from the dead:
1 Corinthians 15:3-6 "For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4) **and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,** 5) and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6) After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;"

Jesus Christ died for all people.

1 Timothy 2:3-4
"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4) who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 2:11
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,"

Hebrews 2:9
"But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, **that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone."**

Jesus' Commandments are most important.

Matthew 22:36-40
"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37) And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38) "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39) "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40) "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

John 13:34-35
"A new commandment **I give to you,** that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35) "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12
"This is **My** commandment, that you love one another,
just as I have loved you."

1 John 3:22-24
"and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep **His commandments** and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. 23) **And this is His commandment,** that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, **just as He commanded us.** 24) And the one who keeps **His** commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

James 2:8
..."If, however, you are fulfilling the **royal law,** according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well."

Every knee shall bow to Jesus.

Philippians 2:9-11
"Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Jesus traced through Joseph. (legal father)

Matthew 1:1-17
1:1 "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

Jesus traced through Mary. (women's names not used)

Luke 3:23-38
3:23 "And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being supposedly the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,"

Jesus Prophecy:

(Birth)
Isaiah 7:14
"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

(Fulfillment)
Matthew 1:18
"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us.""

Jesus Prophecy:

(Betrayal)
Zechariah 11:13
"Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD."

(Fulfillment)
Matthew 26:15-16
"and said, "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16) And from then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Him."

Jesus Prophecy:

(Gall and Vinegar)
Psalms 69:21
"They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

(Fulfillment)
John 19:28-30
"After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty." 29) A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth. 30) When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit."

Jesus Prophecy:

(Divided clothing and cast lots)
Psalms 22:18
"They divide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots."

(Fulfillment)
Mark 15:24
"And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take."

Jesus began His public ministry.

Mark 1:14-15
"And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15) and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Jesus said I am He. (speaking of the Father.)

John 8:24-27
"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; **for unless you believe that I am He,** you shall die in your sins." 25) And so they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "What have I been saying to you from the beginning? 26) "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world." 27) **They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father."**

JESUS foretold His death.

Luke 9:22
"saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."**

JESUS was crowned with thorns.

Matthew 27:29
"And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

JESUS was crucified.

Luke 23:33-34
"And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34) But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves."

JESUS was resurrected.

John 20:9
"For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead."

John 20:17
"Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

JESUS, ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:8-9
"but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; **and you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. " 9) And after He had said these things, **He was lifted up while they were looking on,** and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

Jesus will return.

Acts 1:10-11
"And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; 11) and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Trusting Jesus insures you will become a member of a chosen race, ordained to royal priesthood a member of a holy nation as God's own people.

1 Peter 2:9
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

Jesus forgives all your sins if you trust in Him.

Colossians 2:13
"And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive together with Him,** having forgiven us all our transgressions,"

Jesus transforms your body into the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20
"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, **and that you are not your own?** 20) For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

Jesus Christ washes, sanctifies, and justifies you if you trust in Him.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31
"But **by His doing** you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, 31) that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 6:11
"And such were some of you; **but you** were washed, **but you** were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God."

Jesus, makes you a Saint.

1 Corinthians 1:2
"to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, **saints by calling,** with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:"

Jesus, glorified you. (past tense)

Romans 8:30
"and whom **He** predestined, these **He** also called; and whom **He** called, these **He** also justified; and whom **He** justified, these **He** also glorified."

Jesus makes sure nothing can separate you from the love of God.

Romans 8:35-39
"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36) Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long;

We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37) But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38) **For I am convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Jesus seats you with Him in heavenly places.

Ephesians 2:6-7
"and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, 7) in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

Jesus transfers your citizenship to heaven.

Philippians 3:20
"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;"

Jesus delivered us from the domain of darkness.

Colossians 1:13-14
"For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus will bring our bodies back from the dead and renew them.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58
"Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, **but we shall all be changed,** 52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53) For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54) But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

Jesus freely gives us eternal life.

1 John 5:13
"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."

Romans 6:23
"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jesus makes us personal ambassadors.

2 Corinthians 5:20
"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

What "Jesus as Lord" means.

Galatians 2:20
"I have been crucified with Christ; **and it is no longer I who live,** but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."

Jesus had brothers and sisters.

Matthew 13:55-56
"Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56) "And His sisters, are they not all with us?"

Thomas believed Jesus was God.

John 20:28
"Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Luke believed Jesus was God.

Acts 20:28
"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of **God which He purchased with His own blood."**

Paul believed Jesus was God.

Colossians 2:9
"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,"

Isaiah understood the "Prince of Peace: was God.

Isaiah 9:6
"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; **And His name will be called** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Jesus calls Himself God.

John 14:9
"Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 10:30
"I and the Father are one."

Jesus (GOD) the One Who is to come.

Revelation 1:8
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and **who is to come**, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:17-18
"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last,** 18) and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades."

Revelation 22:7
"And behold, **I am coming quickly.** Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:12-13
"Behold, **I am coming quickly,** and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. 13) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:20
"He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus."**

Isaiah 44:6
"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me."**

Jesus is coming!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. 14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord."

How the Jews treated the messengers of God.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16
"And the LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; 16) **but they continually mocked the messengers of God,** despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

The Great White Throne Judgment.

Revelation 20:11-15
"And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and **books** were opened; and **another book was opened,** which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14) And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."**

The Judgment seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10
"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Judge yourself.

1 Corinthians 11:31
"But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged."

Once to die, and then the Judgment.

Hebrews 9:27
"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,"

K.)

He is the King.

1 Timothy 1:17
"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, **the only God,** be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

What we should know.

Ephesians 1:18-19
"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19) and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might"

L.)

Christ is the end of the Law.

Romans 10:4
"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

Why the Law?

Galatians 3:16
"Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, **"And to your seed," that is, Christ."**

Galatians 3:19
"Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until the seed should come** to whom the promise had been made."

The Law was a tutor.

Galatians 3:24-25
"Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. 25) **But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor."**

Abolishing the Law.

Ephesians 2:15
"by **abolishing** in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,"

The result of failure to keep the Law.

James 2:10
"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, **he has become guilty of all."**

The Law is not for the righteous.

1 Timothy 1:9
"realizing the fact that **law is not made for a righteous man,** but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers"

True Love.

1 John 3:18
"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

1 John 4:20
"If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen."

People in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:1-7
"But realize this, **that in the last days** difficult times will come. 2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3) unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4) treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5) holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. 6) For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7) **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth"**

2 Timothy 4:3-4
"For the time will come when they **will not endure sound doctrine;** but wanting to have their ears tickled, **they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;** 4) and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths."

Jeremiah 5:30-31
"An appalling and horrible thing Has happened in the land: 31) The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule on their own authority; **And My people love it so!** But what will you do at the end of it?"

The Lost Books.

2 Chronicles 9:29

"Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the records of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?"

Lukewarmers are in big trouble.

Revelation 3:15-16

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. 16) 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, **I will spit you out of My mouth."**

M.)

Marriage is a gift.

1 Corinthians 7:7

"Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that."

Marriage is inferior to singleness.

1 Corinthians 7:32-33

"But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; 33) but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,"

They measure themselves by themselves.

2 Corinthians 10:12
"For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding."

Only one Mediator.

1 Timothy 2:5
"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"

The Bible deals with the Mind.

Romans 12:2
"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed **by the renewing of your mind,** that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Ephesians 4:22-24
"that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23) and that you **be renewed in the spirit of your mind,** 24) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

Psalms 19:14
"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer."

Philippians 4:8
"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **let your mind dwell on these things."**

2 Corinthians 10:5
"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, **and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,"**

Colossians 3:1-2
"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2) **Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."**

Money and Preachers.

1 Corinthians 9:14
"So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel."

1 Timothy 5:17-18
"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. 18) For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages.""

The mouth and how we use it.

Ephesians 4:15
"but **speaking** the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,"

Ephesians 4:29
"Let no unwholesome word **proceed from your mouth,** but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Ephesians 6:19-20
"and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the **opening of my mouth,** to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20) for which I am an ambassador in chains; **that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."**

Colossians 4:5
"Let your **speech** always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person."

1 Thessalonians 2:5
"For we never came with flattering **speech,** as you know, nor with a pretext for greed — God is witness —"

1 Timothy 6:20
"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and **empty chatter** and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge""

2 Timothy 2:16
"But avoid worldly and **empty chatter,** for it will lead to further ungodliness,"

Titus 3:9
"But shun **foolish controversies** and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless."

N.)

Name calling at times can be Biblical.

Matthew 7:6
"Do not give what is holy to **dogs,** and do not throw your pearls before **swine,** lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."

2 Peter 2:22
"It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A **dog** returns to its own vomit," and, "A **sow,** after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

Philippians 3:2
"Beware of the **dogs,** beware of the **evil workers,** beware of the **false circumcision;"**

Narrow Gate.

Matthew 7:13-14
"Enter by the **narrow gate;** for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14) "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, **and few are those who find it."**

Natural Man.

1 Corinthians 2:14
"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, **and he cannot understand them,** because they are spiritually appraised."

O.)

Obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:29
"But Peter and the apostles answered and said,
"We must obey God rather than men."

P.)

Paul's fear for the Church.

2 Corinthians 12:20-21
"For I am **afraid** that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances; 21) I am **afraid** that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced."

Pictures of Jesus.

Exodus 20:3-4
"You shall have no other gods before Me. 4) "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth."

2 Corinthians 5:16
"Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, **yet now we know Him thus no longer."**

Pot smoking.

Romans 13:14
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

1 Peter 2:11
"Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul."

There is power in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10
"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, **for power is perfected in weakness.**" Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10) Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

There is Power in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:8-10
"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, 9) if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, 10) let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, **that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,** whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by this name this man stands here before you in good health."

Acts 16:18
"And she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, **"I command you in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment."

Proclaim all these words in the streets.

Jeremiah 11:6
"And the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and **in the streets of Jerusalem,** saying, 'Hear the words of this covenant and do them."

Jeremiah 17:19-20
"Thus the LORD said to me, **"Go and stand in the public gate,** through which the kings of Judah come in and go out, **as well as in all the gates of Jerusalem;** 20) **and say to them,** 'Listen to the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all inhabitants of Jerusalem, who come in through these gates:"

Proverbs 1:20-21
"Wisdom **shouts in the street,** She lifts her voice in the square; 21) At the head of the noisy streets she **cries out;** At the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her sayings:"

Prayer.

Philippians 4:6-7
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God.** 7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Colossians 4:2
"Devote yourselves to **prayer,** keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;"

Holy Spirit intercedes for us in prayers.

Romans 8:26
"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, **but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;"**

Win the Prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24
"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win."

They Prayed and Fasted.

Acts 14:23
"And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, **having prayed with fasting,** they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed."

Matthew 17:21
"But this kind does not go out except by **prayer and fasting.**"

They Preached, unannounced, uninvited, and their messages were rejected. Noah preached for 120 years and had no converts other than his own family.

2 Peter 2:4-5
"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5) and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, **a preacher of righteousness,** with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;"

The Lord God, sent Preachers out, but they were mocked.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16
"And the LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; **16) but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.**"

John the Baptist preached God's Word, and they cut his head off.

Matthew 14:10-11
"And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. 11) And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl; and she brought it to her mother."

Jesus Preached and they hated Him.

John 7:7
"The world cannot hate you; but it hates Me **because** I testify of it, that its it's deeds are evil."

The two witnesses preached, were killed and were resurrected.

Revelation 11:10-11
"And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, **because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.** 11) And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them."

They Preached.

Hebrews 11:36-38
"and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37) They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38) (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground."

We Preach to get the blood of the wicked off our hands.

Ezekiel 3:18-19
"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, **but his blood I will require at your hand.** 19) "Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself."

Acts 18:6
"And when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, **"Your blood be upon your own heads!** I am clean. From now on I shall go to the Gentiles.""

We Preach for a good blessing and delight.

Proverbs 24:25
"But to those who rebuke the wicked will be delight,
And a **good blessing** will come upon them."

We Preach because the Bible tells us to.

2 Timothy 4:1-2
"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2) **preach the word;** be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

The Prophets rebuked Israel for their sin, but Israel would not listen.

2 Kings 17:13-14
"Yet the LORD **warned** Israel and Judah, through all His prophets and every seer, saying, "**Turn** from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." 14) However, **they did not listen,** but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God."

The False Prophet test.

Deuteronomy 18:22
"When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him."

True Prophecy is from God.

2 Peter 1:21
"for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

Provide for your own.

1 Timothy 5:8
"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, **he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever."**

Q.)

Quench not the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19
"Do not quench the Spirit;"

R.)

The real God.

John 3:16-18
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: **but he that believeth not is condemned already,** because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

The real Christ.

2 Peter 3:9
"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish** but for all to come to repentance."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
"and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8) dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

You reap what you sow.

Galatians 6:7
"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."

There will be rewards.

Matthew 6:19-20
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20) **"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,** where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;"

1 Corinthians 3:8-15
"Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 10) According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. 11})For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12) Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13) each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; **and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.** 14) If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15) If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."

The one wanting to get Rich falls into temptation.

1 Timothy 6:9-10
"But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10) For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang."

The Rock.

Matthew 16:18
"And I also say to you that you are Peter, **and upon this rock I will build My church;** and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."

Matthew 16:23
"But He turned and said to Peter, **"Get behind Me, Satan!** You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

1 Corinthians 10:4
"and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from **a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ."**

"The Roman Road."

Romans 3:23
"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Romans 6:23
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8-9
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him."

Romans 10:10-13
"for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11) For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." 12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; 13) **for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.""**

S.)

Seek first the kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:33
"But **seek** first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."

Spoken by Jesus.

Luke 4:8
"And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"

Spoken by God the Father.

Hebrews 1:6
"And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, " And let all the angels of God worship Him.""

Sabbath.

Exodus 16:23
"then he said to them, "This is what the LORD meant: Tomorrow is a **sabbath** observance, **a holy sabbath** to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.""

Romans 14:5
"One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind."

Colossians 2:16-17
"Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath day** — 17) things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."

Mark 2:27-28
"And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28) "Consequently, **the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.""**

Hebrews 4:3
"For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter **My rest,"** although His works were finished from the foundation of the world."

Satan's crushing coming.

Romans 16:20
"And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

All Scripture is inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16
"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;"

We do not shrink-back.

Hebrews 10:39
"But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul."

Anything not of faith is Sin.

Romans 14:23
"But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; **and whatever is not from faith is sin.**"

Knowing what is right and not doing it, is Sin.

James 4:17
"Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, **to him it is sin.**"

The Sin cannot be separated from the Sinner unless one has correct faith in Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 1:28
"But transgressors and sinners will be crushed together, And those who forsake the LORD shall come to an end."

Isaiah 1:31
"And the strong man will become tinder, **His work also a spark.**"

Psalms 5:5-6
"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: **thou hatest all workers of iniquity.** 6) Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man."

Those who continue to Sin.

1 Timothy 5:20-21
"Those who continue in sin, **rebuke in the presence of all,** so that the rest also may be fearful of sinning. 21) I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, **doing nothing in a spirit of partiality."**

Expose Sin.

Ephesians 5:11-12
"And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, **but instead even expose them;** 12) for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret."

If we confess our Sins.

1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The Signs ministry.

Deuteronomy 6:9
"And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Revelation 19:16
"And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.""

Spiritual and material Sharing.

Romans 15:27
"Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things."

1 Corinthians 9:11
"If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?"

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18
"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,"

Spare the Rod.

Proverbs 13:24
"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently."

Something from Nothing.

Romans 4:17
"(as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead **and calls into being that which does not exist."**

Thinking of yourself as Something.

Galatians 6:3
"For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

2 Timothy 3:7
"always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Speak as if it were the utterances of God.

1 Peter 4:11
"Whoever speaks, **let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God;** whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

The Spirit searches all things.

1 Corinthians 2:10
"For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; **for the Spirit searches all things,** even the depths of God."

Do not be a Stumbling block.

Romans 14:13
"Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this — not to put an obstacle or a **stumbling block** in a brother's way."

Romans 14:21
"It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother **stumbles.**"

1 Corinthians 8:13
"Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to **stumble."**

Ephesians 5:3-4
"But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4) and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."

T.)

Test yourself.

2 Corinthians 13:5
"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you — **unless indeed you fail the test?"**

Paul's Thorn in the flesh.

2 Corinthians 12:7
"And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, **there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me** — to keep me from exalting myself!"

Make the most of your Time.

Ephesians 5:16
"making the most of your time, because the days are evil."

The Tongue.

2 Timothy 2:16-17
"But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17) and their talk **will spread like gangrene**. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,"

James 3:10-12
"from the **same mouth** come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. 11) Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? 12) Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh."

Treasure.

Luke 12:34
"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Trials are good.

Romans 5:3-5
"And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4) and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5) and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

James 1:2
"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,"

James 1:12
"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

U.)

Unbelievers are condemned.

John 3:18
"He that believeth on him is not **condemned**: but he that believeth not is **condemned already,** because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

V.)

Vengeance is mine says the Lord.

Hebrews 10:30
"For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people.""

W.)

The Way, The Truth, and the Life.

John 14:6
"Jesus said to him, "I am the **way,** and the **truth,** and the **life;** no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

There is a Way that seems right.

Proverbs 14:12
"There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."

Neither are your ways My Ways.

Isaiah 55:8
"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD."

Justifying the Wicked.

Proverbs 17:15
"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD."

Man's Free Will can choose.

Deuteronomy 30:19
"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. **So choose life in order that you may live,** you and your descendants,"

Joshua 24:15
"And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves today whom you will serve:** whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

Romans 10:13
"for **"Whoever** will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.""

2 Peter 3:9
"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish **but for all to come to repentance"**

Philemon 14
"but without your consent I did not want to do anything, that your goodness should not be as it were by compulsion, **but of your own free will."**

Women.

Proverbs 31:10-12
"An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. 11) The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. 12) She does him good and not evil All the days of her life."

The Wisdom of the world.

1 Corinthians 3:19-20
"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20) and again, "The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, **that they are useless.""**

Do not love the World.

1 John 2:15
"Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Being friends with the World equals being enemies of God.

James 4:4
"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

Y.)

What You have, You received.

1 Corinthians 4:7
"For who regards you as superior? **And what do you have that you did not receive?** But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

Z.)

Zeal to evangelize.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23
"For though I am free from all men, **I have made myself a slave to all,** that I might win the more. 20) And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; 21) to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law. 22) To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; **I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. 23) And I do all things for the sake of the gospel,** that I may become a fellow partaker"

The Bible Believer's guide can be used at your home Bible study. Just look up the verses and ask questions. "What does this scripture say?" And "What do you think it meant to those for whom it was written?" And "How does it apply to us?"

ROMANS 5:8
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

JOHN 5:24
"Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

G— Go to God daily in Prayer.
R— Read the Bible daily.
O— Obey God moment by moment.
W— Witness for Christ.
T— Trust God in all things.
H— Holy Spirit yield to His control.

(FELLOWSHIP WITH BIBLE BELIEVERS)

APPENDIX

The Way of Salvation

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27
And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:31
And God saw all that He had made, and behold, **it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:16-17
And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17) but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:6
When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

It is important to keep in mind that God did not need to create mankind for any reason. He was totally complete within His own existence.

Genesis 1:26
Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

It is also important to keep in mind that all that God created was good. God created man to love Him, not because he had to, but because man would desire to. Therefore, God provided a way for man to freely choose; he could love God or he could turn his back on Him and do his own thing in opposition to God's original desire in creating man. The true value of a love relationship is when one has the ability not to love yet still does. But love, by definition, must be freely given, not coerced. God does not grab us by the neck and order us to love Him. That would not be love.

When Adam and Eve, according to Genesis, ate the fruit God had commanded them not to eat, that act demonstrated man's desire to do his own thing and dissipated his love relationship with God, which was really rebellion against God. Even though it sounds like just eating a piece of fruit doesn't sound so bad, it was what that showed about the human heart that was bad; so consequently it introduced sin into the human race. Sin is what happens when we separate ourselves from God and do our own thing.

The result was separation from God; we became a substandard creation and our relationship with God was broken. Instead of being united with God in continual fellowship, which is what we were created to be, we became different from Him in form and substance. Oil does not mix with water and sin does not mix with God's holiness. We became legally separated from God and spiritually dead. God hates sin because He is pure and holy.

Isaiah 6:3
And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory."

As a result of the substandard creation that came into existence, many things changed as a result of mans free choice to sin.

We now have wars, crime, death, pollution, divorce, sickness, lawlessness, birth defects, greed, hatred, insanity, earthquakes, riots, etc. It was neither God's intention nor fault, but it was and is the penalty that God placed on us for our rebellion and sin, but God still desired to have a love relationship with us.

God certainly knew what was to happen from the beginning of His creation, but knowing and controlling are two different things. One might ask the question, "If God knew in advance that man would sin, why did He create man?" I believe the answer to that question comes at the end of the story not at the beginning. The eternal value of the love relationship far exceeds the pitfalls of the rebellion.

Romans 11:33-34
Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34) For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?

So the seed of sin was imbedded within Adam and passed to all his offspring. Horses bear horses, fish bear fish, birds bear birds and sinful men bear sinful men.

Romans 5:12
Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...

The good news is that God provides a way of redemption and salvation. He provides a way of escape out of our sinful state.

Genesis 22:18
"And in your seed (God said to Abraham), all of the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

God gave Abraham a faith test and he passed the test, resulting in God's promise that He would provide a descendant (Christ) who would reverse the damage that sin had done. God Himself would provide a way for our sins to be forgiven through a very unusual plan. The Bible says that before the foundation of the world, God decreed that His own Son would become a man, die on the cross and shed His blood so that sin's penalty would be paid. This is often hard for us to understand.

It wouldn't have been the plan that we would have come up with, but God had to plan something that would satisfy His justice. He couldn't just forget about sin or get rid of it with a swipe of His hand. In His wisdom He knew that blood had to be shed because life is in the blood. Since sin requires death (separation), the taking of life (relationship) was the only way that sin could be paid for.

So God decided that His own beloved Son would give His life for our sin and become our Savior. But how could God convince man that he needed a Savior? In order for people to appreciate redemption (a Savior), they first have to come to the realization they need one. So God gave Abraham's descendants the Law to be a testimony to the nations, showing God's righteousness and demonstrating man's sinfulness. This was to be a temporary system, until all was fulfilled and Christ provided redemption for man's rebellion.

Galatians 3:16-19
Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. 17) What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. 18) For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise. 19) Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, **until** the seed should come to whom the promise had been made.

Galatians 2:21
I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.

This wonderful truth should be enough for all of us to leap for joy! If it were not for Abraham's seed (Jesus Christ) paying the penalty our sinful nature deserved, we would have no hope.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22
But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21) For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.

John 14:6
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

Every person alive can be saved if they will trust in Jesus Christ, the only provision God has made for their redemption.

Keep in mind there was only one tree in the garden they were not to eat from; so also now there is only one way of undoing what was done.

The eating of the fruit was a very easy and simple thing to do and it changed the course of the world. Trusting in Jesus is easier and simpler than the eating of the fruit.

Trusting in Jesus will change the course of your life for all eternity. The eating of the fruit required a rebellious heart. Trusting in Jesus requires a humble heart.

2 Peter 3:9
The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

John 1:9-13
There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10) He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11) He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13)who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:17
For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

John 3:3-6-7
Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7) "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again."

John 4:13-14
Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; 14) but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Ephesians 2:8-9
For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9) not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

John 5:24
"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

1 Peter 1:3-9
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5) who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6) In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7) that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8) and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9) obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Trusting in Jesus, for salvation, is as easy as lifting your heart to God and telling Him in your own words that you are tired of living a sinful life and you want Him to save you. You don't have to worry about cleaning your life up first, because that is impossible to do anyway.

The only way to get a clean life is for Jesus to forgive you. No matter what you have done, God invites you to come to Him and be saved, because no matter how bad you think you are, God's love and grace are always greater than your sin.

You can never out-sin God's ability to forgive. When Jesus forgives and saves you, His Spirit comes into your life and enables you to be clean and to start changing.

The Bible says that when you are saved, you become a new creature, a new creation, just the reverse of what happened to Adam. You become a different person than you were before. You have different desires - you will want to read and study the Bible and learn about God.

You will want to please Him. He will help you get rid of sinful habits - sometimes this happens immediately, sometimes it takes awhile. But you will change and it will pleasantly surprise you.

You will become a member of God's family. Many of us don't have much of a family here, but belonging to God's family is a wonderful privilege.

When you are saved, it is important for you to get to know other Christians and go to a Bible-believing church so that you can grow in your faith.

You will want to start sharing your faith and tell others what God has done for you. This is the most exciting adventure you will ever start on. It is awesome!

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Romans 10:9-10
If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; 10) for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Acts 16:30-31
And after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31) And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household."

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